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Elizabeth II 1926-2022

by AIDAN RADNEDGE

STARING straight ahead, eyes fixed on the coffin in front of him, King Charles led a solemn procession through the streets of Edinburgh yesterday as his mother's long journey home continued.

With his sister Anne and brothers Andrew and Edward beside him – and watched by tens of thousands of people – the grieving monarch marched slowly from Holyroodhouse, where her body had lain overnight, to St Giles' Cathedral, flanked by her pall bearers and a guard from The Royal Company of Archers.

A single piper played a lament as the casket – draped with the Royal Standard for Scotland – was placed in a hearse by pall bearers from the Royal Regiment of Scotland.

Placed on her oak coffin was a white wreath, including spray roses, freesias, button chrysanthemums, dried heather from Balmoral, spray eryngium, foliage, rosemary, hebe and pittosporum.

The journey was less than a mile – compared with her 180-mile car journey from Balmoral a day before. Instead of six hours, it took 40 minutes.

But in his field marshal's uniform and medals, the emotional walk uphill, often over cobbles, along the city's famous Royal Mile must have felt much longer for the 73-year-old.

After initially falling silent as the hearse appeared, crowds packing the pavement applauded as it passed. Many held up their phones to capture this moment in history.

Many mourners had camped out overnight to be there. Amid the dignified quiet, a single heckler was drowned out by calls of God bless the Queen and God save the King – then removed by an onlooker and a police officer.

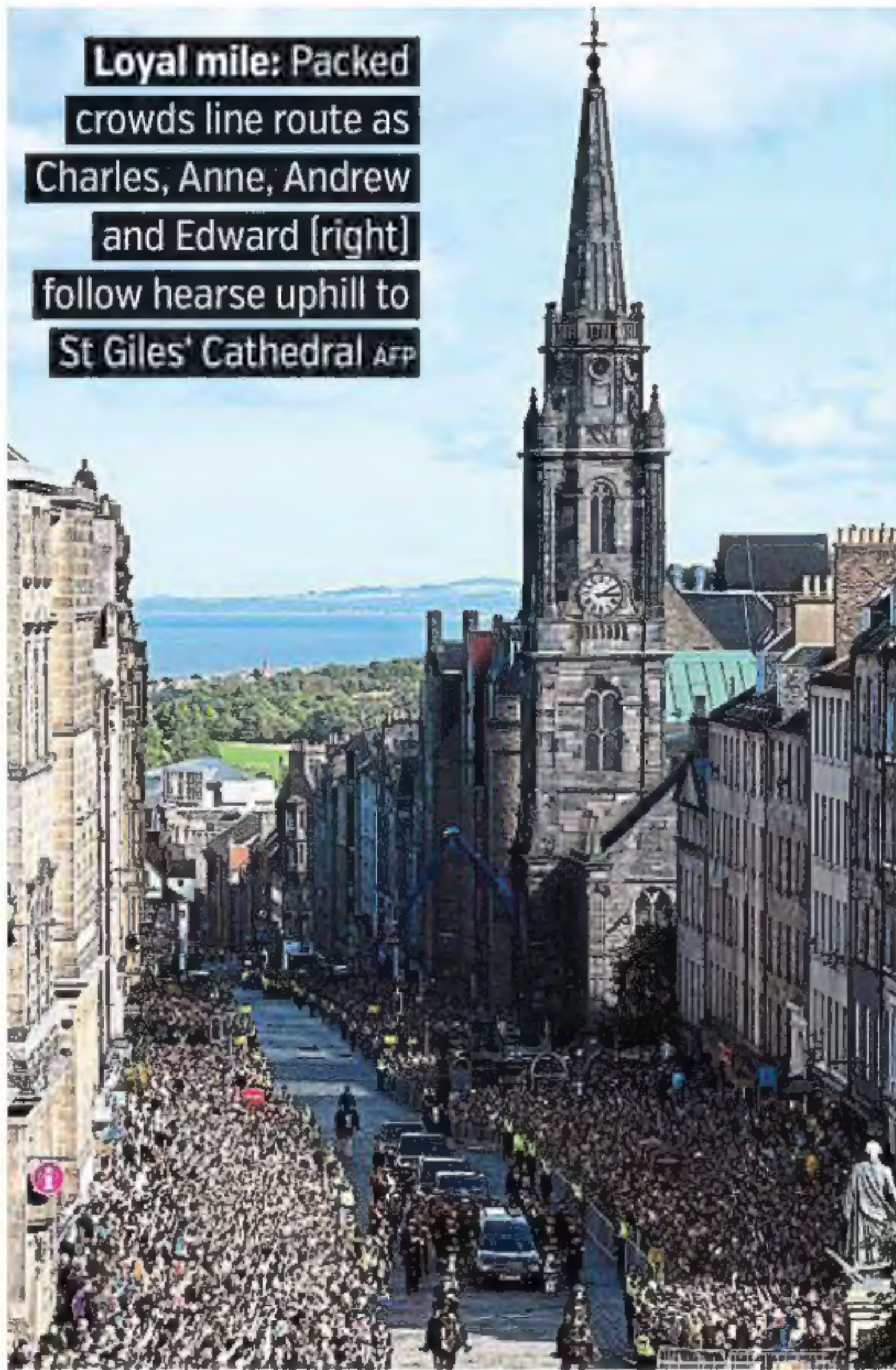
Anne, the Princess Royal, and husband Sir Tim Laurence – who had made the long car journey with their mother 24 hours earlier – wore uniform.

Prince Edward, the Earl of Wessex, also wore uniform. Prince Andrew wore a morning suit. Camilla, the Queen Consort, and Edward's wife Sophie, Countess of Wessex, were in a following car.

At the cathedral – within sight of Edinburgh Castle – the procession stopped in silence. Her pall bearers carried the Queen inside and placed her coffin on a specially built catafalque. The Crown of Scotland, on a cushion, was placed on top as the service began.

The Rt Rev Dr Iain Greenshields, moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, told the congregation it was 'now beginning to sink in that she is gone from us – "gone home", to express her own words.

'Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth began her reign, like King Solomon, by asking for wisdom – something she demonstrated in large measure and to which



Loyal mile: Packed crowds line route as Charles, Anne, Andrew and Edward (right) follow hearse uphill to St Giles' Cathedral AFP



ROYAL ESCORT ON ROYAL MILE

KING LEADS SOMBRE PROCESSION IN EDINBURGH... BEFORE A SILENT VIGIL BY COFFIN

was added duty, honour, commitment, and faith.'

Last night, at 7.46pm, Charles, Anne, Andrew and Edward held a silent vigil beside their mother in the cathedral.

The four royals stood at each side of her coffin – still on the catafalque – with members of their bodyguard of Archers at each corner. The King, now wearing a kilt, appeared deep in thought, head bowed, as people filed past. He led the royals away after ten minutes.

The vigil was the third time male royal family members have stood guard, but believed to be the first time a woman had joined them.

In 1936, King Edward VIII was joined at Westminster Hall by the Duke of Gloucester and the Duke of Kent as their father King George V lay in state.

Charles, Andrew, Edward and Viscount Linley – son of the Queen's late sister Princess Margaret – stood guard for the Queen Mother in 2002.

Thousands of people had queued outside St Giles' – some since 7am – to pay their respects inside.

After being led through a security tent and searched, they entered the cathedral to pay respects to the Queen, who reigned for 70 years until her death aged 96 last Thursday. Among the first inside was Karen White-

house, 64,

who left home in Lowes-water, Cumbria, at 2am to queue.

'It was surreal,' she said. 'It was very quiet, everyone was very still. There's a lot of officials in there in their robes.'

'I can't believe I've done it and I was that close. I paid my respects, it was just beautiful. It was worth the 12 hours to get here.'

After the procession, Sophia Bruce, from Edinburgh, said: 'It was very moving to be here and watch the Queen followed by her children enter St Giles' for the last time.'

'There was a dignified silence from the whole crowd. You could have heard a pin drop. It was very respectful with everyone wanting to say their last goodbye. I've been here for three hours and there had been a

tremendous camaraderie amongst the whole crowd.'

Charles had met well-wishers during an unscheduled walkabout earlier in the day. Crowds still waiting to see him as he returned to the cathedral for the vigil last night were rewarded with a wave towards them.

One woman said: 'I missed him earlier so I travelled up from Glasgow. I waited five hours. I finally saw him.'

The coffin is due to lie in state at St Giles' until 3pm today. At 6pm, it will be flown to London, accompanied by the Princess Royal, and stay overnight at Buckingham Palace.

Tomorrow, it will be moved to Westminster Hall, in the Houses of Parliament, to lie in state until next Monday's state funeral at Westminster Abbey.



Four-square: Charles, Anne, Andrew and Edward at each side of coffin BBC/UNIPIXS



Public duty: People pay respects as royals stand vigil at the coffin PA

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Defining image: Crowds record procession of Queen's cortege in Edinburgh's Royal Mile yesterday, four days after her death – marked on our front page with a classic portrait [inset] LESLEY MARTIN/AP



Crowning glory: Royals watch as Crown of Scotland is placed on Queen's coffin as service begins in St Giles' AP



Soft power: The Crown of Scotland sits on a velvet cushion during the thanksgiving service PA

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Former Navy officer wears his uniform for final time

by STEPHEN DEAL

AN 83-YEAR-OLD retired Royal Navy officer put on his uniform 'one last time' to see the procession of the Queen's coffin - and received a round of applause from the crowd.

John Elliott, who was a chief radio supervisor and served for 35 years, travelled from his home in Dundee to Edinburgh to watch the procession from the Palace of Holyroodhouse to St Giles' Cathedral.

Mr Elliott was at the back of a queue to see the procession on the Royal Mile, and a member of the public encouraged police to let him through to watch it. Once the officers let him through, the crowd behind him broke out into rapturous applause.

Mr Elliott, who is originally from Hull, said the moment was a 'really nice gesture'.

He said: 'I was a sea cadet, then joined the Naval Reserve in 1956, then got called up to do national service in 57-59, came back out to the Naval Reserve and served in it for 35 years in total, mostly at Dundee.'

'I have my uniform. Obviously I'm retired now but I still have it so I thought I would wear it for one last time.'

'It's a special occasion. She was my boss, it's what we used to call her affectionately in the Navy.'

'My sense of service to the Royal Navy made me want to come here today and see her. It's my first love, apart from my wife.'

'I wanted to show respect for Her Majesty's service. I just thought it was the right thing to do.'

Asked if he felt emotional, he said 'it is, it does' as tears filled his eyes.

'I was really sad (when he heard the



Special occasion: John Elliott in his uniform on the Royal Mile yesterday PA

Queen died). It's inevitable at her age, it's going to happen to us all. No one has got a free pass forever.

'I just appreciate her being a great Queen, a caring and helpful person.'

He added he felt that King Charles III would do a 'good job' in his new role.

'He's had a long apprenticeship,' Mr Elliott said. 'He's the right guy for the job.'

Anne to remain with her late mother on journey south

PRINCESS Anne will make the journey with her mother's coffin when it travels from Edinburgh to London later today.

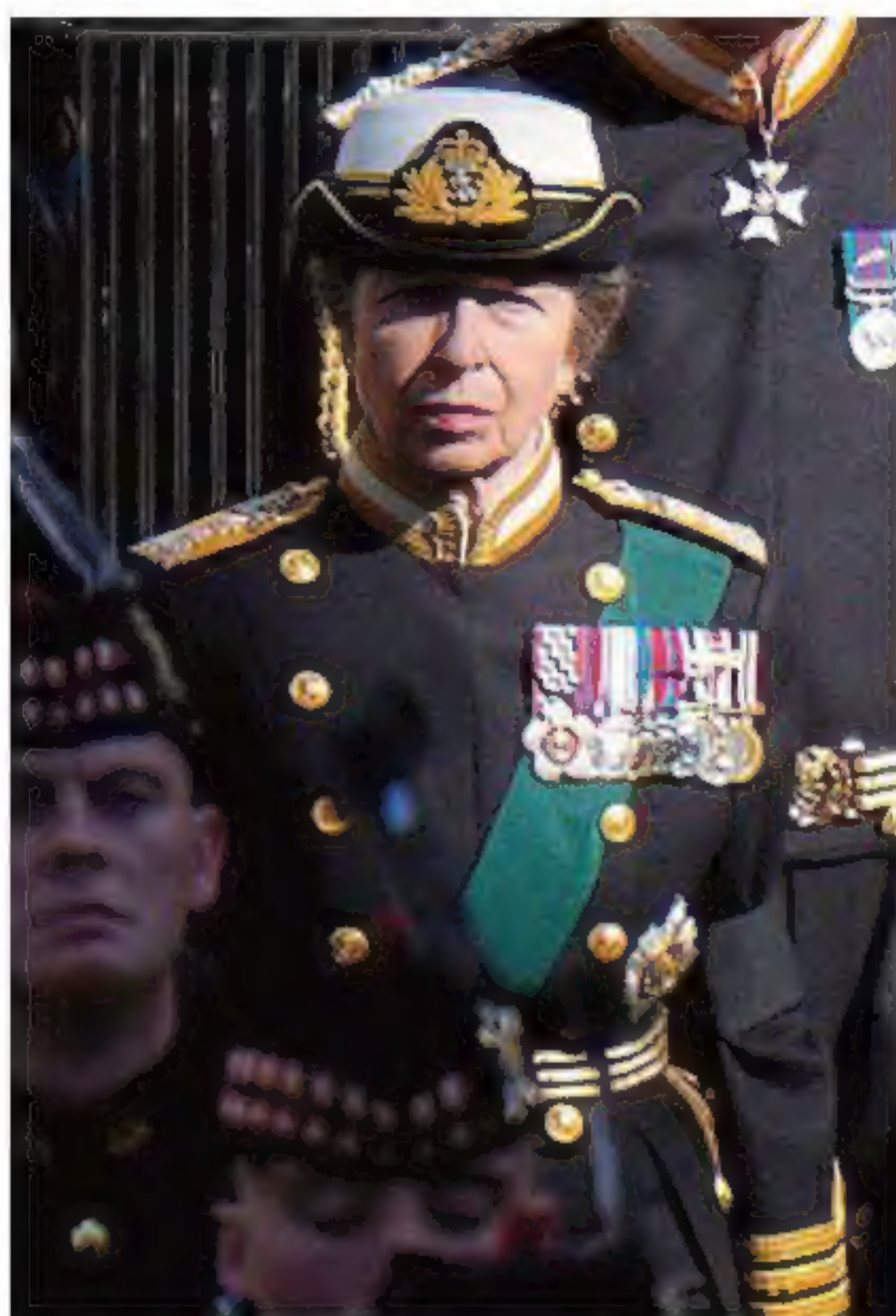
The Princess Royal, 72, will leave Edinburgh airport at 6pm for the flight to RAF Northolt in west London.

She will be accompanied by the Very Rev Prof David Fergusson, dean of the Chapel Royal in Scotland.

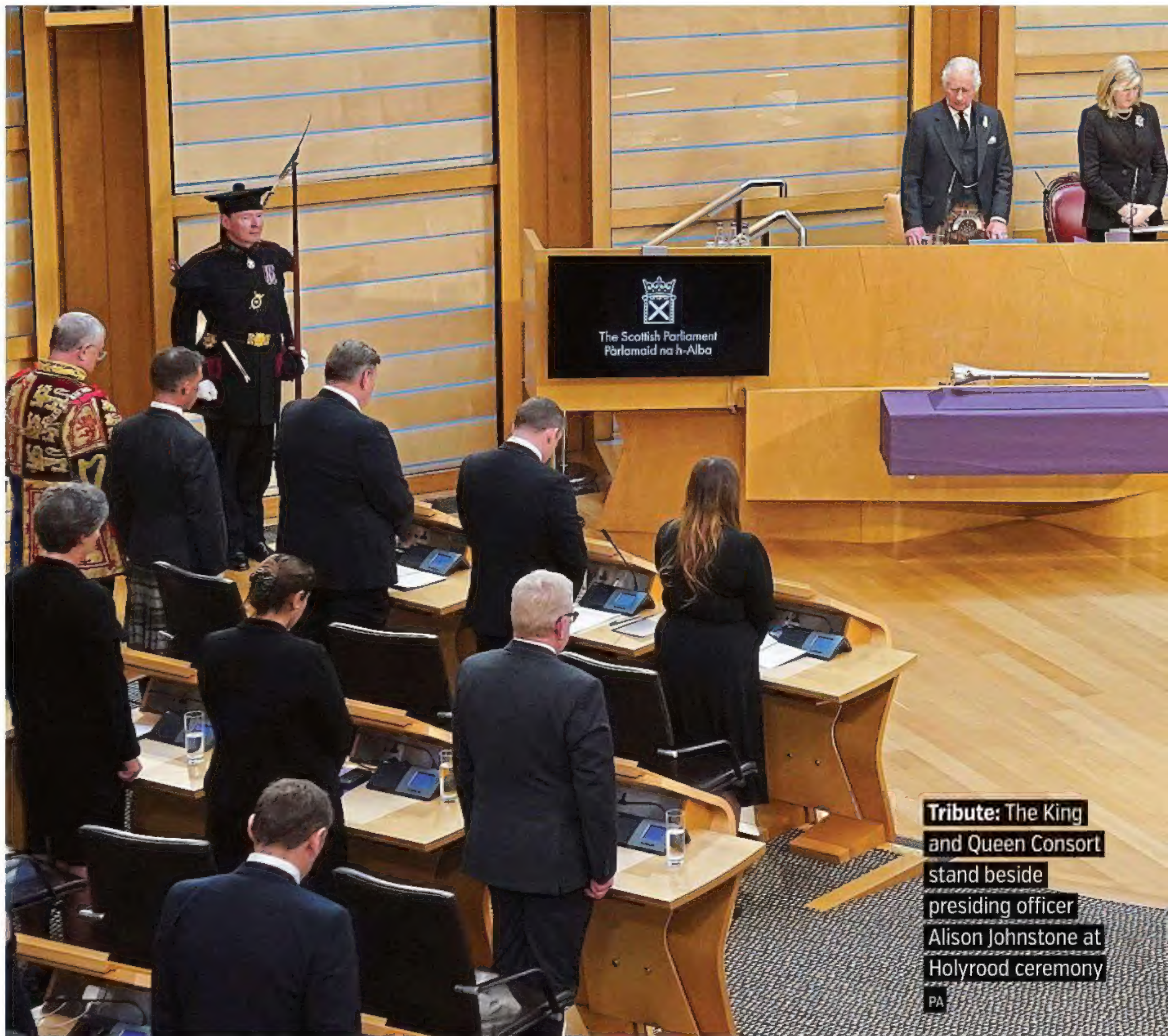
At Edinburgh airport, the Royal Regiment of Scotland will form a guard of honour and its regimental band will also be present.

At arrival shortly before 7pm, the Queen's coffin will be taken to Buckingham Palace by a state hearse. It will rest in the Bow Room overnight.

The princess accompanied the funeral cortège on Sunday from Balmoral to the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh. She was driven behind the hearse in a royal Bentley alongside her husband of 30 years, VAdm Sir Timothy Laurence.



Cortège: Princess in Edinburgh REX



Tribute: The King and Queen Consort stand beside presiding officer Alison Johnstone at Holyrood ceremony PA

ANCHOR OF



Condolences: First minister Nicola Sturgeon greets King Charles at Holyrood AP

STURGEON HAILS LATE QUEEN AT HOLYROOD AS KING QUOTES BARD

by STEPHEN DEAL

THE King quoted Robert Burns as he addressed Holyrood for the first time as monarch after hearing his mother described as the 'anchor of the nation' by the first minister.

Responding to a motion of condolence tabled at the Scottish parliament, Charles paid tribute to the late Queen and cited the national bard as he praised his mother's life of 'incomparable service'.

'If I might paraphrase the words of the great Robert Burns, my dear mother was the friend of man, the friend of truth, the friend of age and guide of youth,' he said.

'Few hearts like her with virtue warmed, few heads with knowledge so informed.'

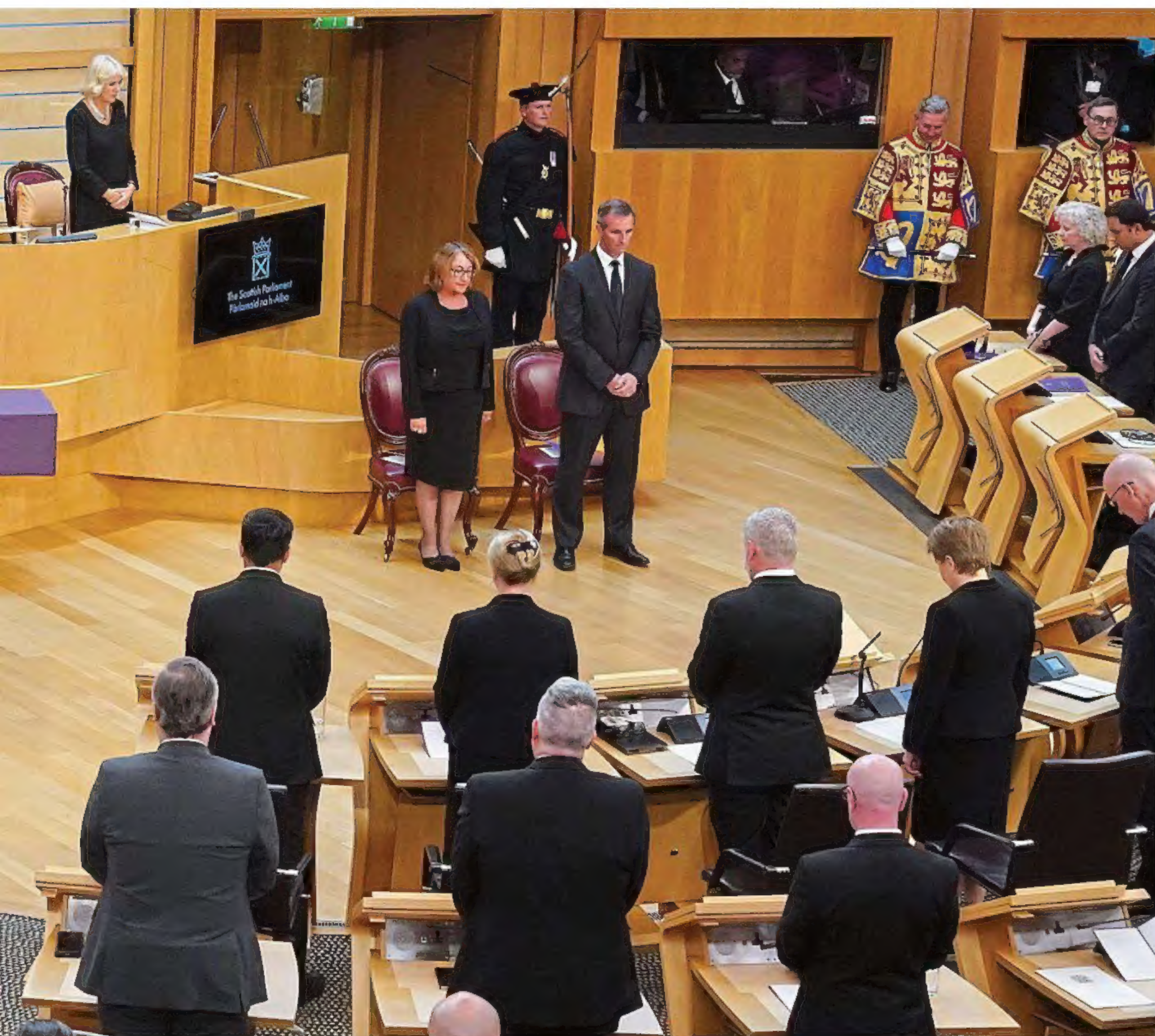
The quote was taken from Burns' Epitaph On My Own Friend.

Charles went on to say: 'The Queen pledged to serve her country and people.'

'As we now mark with gratitude a promise most faithfully fulfilled, I am determined with God's help and with yours to follow that inspiring example.'

First minister Nicola Sturgeon tabled the motion of condolence and said: 'In an ever-changing world, especially in turbulent times, Her Majesty was the great constant - the anchor of our nation.'

'Even towards the end, as her health declined, her genuine love of Scotland and profound sense of public service never faltered. Your Majesty, we stand ready to sup-



Paying respects:
Members of the public queue on George IV Bridge, close to St Giles' Cathedral on the Royal Mile REX

OUR NATION

Thousands in line to view coffin at vigil

by STEPHEN DEAL

THOUSANDS of people formed a queue in Edinburgh's Old Town yesterday as they waited to walk past the late Queen's coffin at St Giles' Cathedral.

Some mourners had been in line since 7am for the lie at rest service, which opened to members of the public with a wristband from around 6pm.

George Higgins, a former soldier in the Scots Guards, was at the front of the queue and arrived shortly after he finished an overnight shift as a security guard at Edinburgh University.

Speaking to PA, the 61-year-old said: 'I've been here since 6.45am, I came straight here after a night shift at work.'

'I took my clothes to work, got changed and came straight here. I'm going back on shift at 9.30pm tonight, so I'm going to be very tired. But it's

worth it.' Irene Hamilton, 79, from Cumnock, Ayrshire, had been queuing since 11am. She said: 'It was quiet and peaceful, and it was nice to see her.'

'The crown sitting on top of the coffin was lovely. I thought she was brilliant. She did her duty well.'

The vigil continued throughout the night, with additional tram services put on to take people to and from the city centre.

Her Majesty's coffin will be on view until about 3pm today before it leaves Scotland for the final time.

It will travel along Lawnmarket to Lothian Road, then on to Queensferry Road, Maybury Road, Turnhouse Road, before arriving at Edinburgh Airport.



Royal assent: The Queen opens the new Scottish parliament building in 2004 PA

port you, as you continue your own life of service – and build on the extraordinary legacy of your beloved mother, our Queen.

'Queen Elizabeth, Queen of Scots – we are grateful for her life. May she now rest in peace.' Scottish Tory leader Douglas Ross said: 'We know the late Queen held Scotland close to her heart – and we held her to ours.'

The motion read: 'The parliament expresses its grief at the death of The Queen; conveys its sincere condolences to The King; affirms the great affection in which Her Majesty was held, and expresses gratitude for her life of exceptional public service and her long and close association with Scotland and the Scottish people.'

MSP Stuart McMillan later played the bagpipes from the gallery at Holyrood as the presiding officer escorted the King and Queen Consort from the chamber.



On parade: King Charles inspects honour guard at Ceremony of the Keys PA

First duty is to perform key role



Ceremony: Lord Provost gives King keys to city PA

IN HIS first official engagement as King of Scotland, Charles III arrived at his official residence for an ancient ceremony at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

After inspecting the guard of honour, the King was welcomed to Edinburgh by lord provost Robert Aldridge and was symbolically handed the keys to the city. Tradition dictates that during the Ceremony of the Keys the monarch returns them, entrusting their safekeeping to the city's officials.

The ceremony was last held in June as the Queen arrived in Edinburgh to open a week of traditional events for the royals in Scotland.



Emotional: Women leave the cathedral after attending the Queen's lie at rest service GETTY

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Police chief: We're ready for this huge operation



I signed up for this: New Met Police chief Sir Mark Rowley and his deputy Lynne Owens on first day in their posts yesterday PA

THE new boss of Britain's biggest police force has described preparations for the Queen's lying in state as a 'massive challenge'.

On his first day as Metropolitan Police commissioner, Sir Mark Rowley said he had 'trust and confidence' in the thousands of officers who will be involved.

It will be the Met's biggest-ever operation as millions of visitors, including foreign dignitaries, arrive in London for the lead-up to the Queen's funeral.

It is thought about 10,000 officers will be on duty every day in the capital to control huge crowds paying their respects and any potential protests against visiting political leaders.

Sir Mark told Sky News: 'It's a massive challenge for the Metropolitan Police and for me personally, but we have been preparing for many, many years.'

'There are some very diligent people who have put a lot of effort into this.'

'Indeed in my previous roles in the Metropolitan Police I was involved in

by JOEL TAYLOR

some of that planning and in a review recently. But most of all I have a lot of trust and confidence in the fantastic police officers who are going to support this event and help make it safe for millions of people.'

Sir Mark, 57, has taken over during one of the Met's most turbulent periods after former commissioner Dame Cressida Dick quit earlier this year.

He and his new deputy Dame Lynne Owens, 53, formerly director of the National Crime Agency, swore allegiance to the King yesterday and pledged to rebuild public trust.

Meanwhile, officers are keen to work despite facing 12-hour shifts and cancelled leave, according to Met Police Federation chairman Ken Marsh. He said the force 'to a man and woman' had affection for the Queen and there had been no 'gripes or groans' about the efforts expected from them.

Tickets please! Biden bus journey to funeral denied

REPORTS that Joe Biden would have to travel by bus to the Queen's funeral have been played down by the government.

Documents, which emerged at the weekend, suggested visiting heads of state would travel together to Westminster Abbey in coaches rather than use private cars.

The US president usually travels in The Beast - an armoured vehicle protected by a huge motorcade. One foreign diplomat was quoted as saying: 'Can you imagine Joe Biden on the bus?'

The papers also seemed to say world leaders would be asked to use scheduled commercial flights to ease pressure on London's airports.

But a spokesman for prime minister Liz Truss said yesterday:

'Arrangements for different leaders will vary', and said the documents in question were simply for guidance.

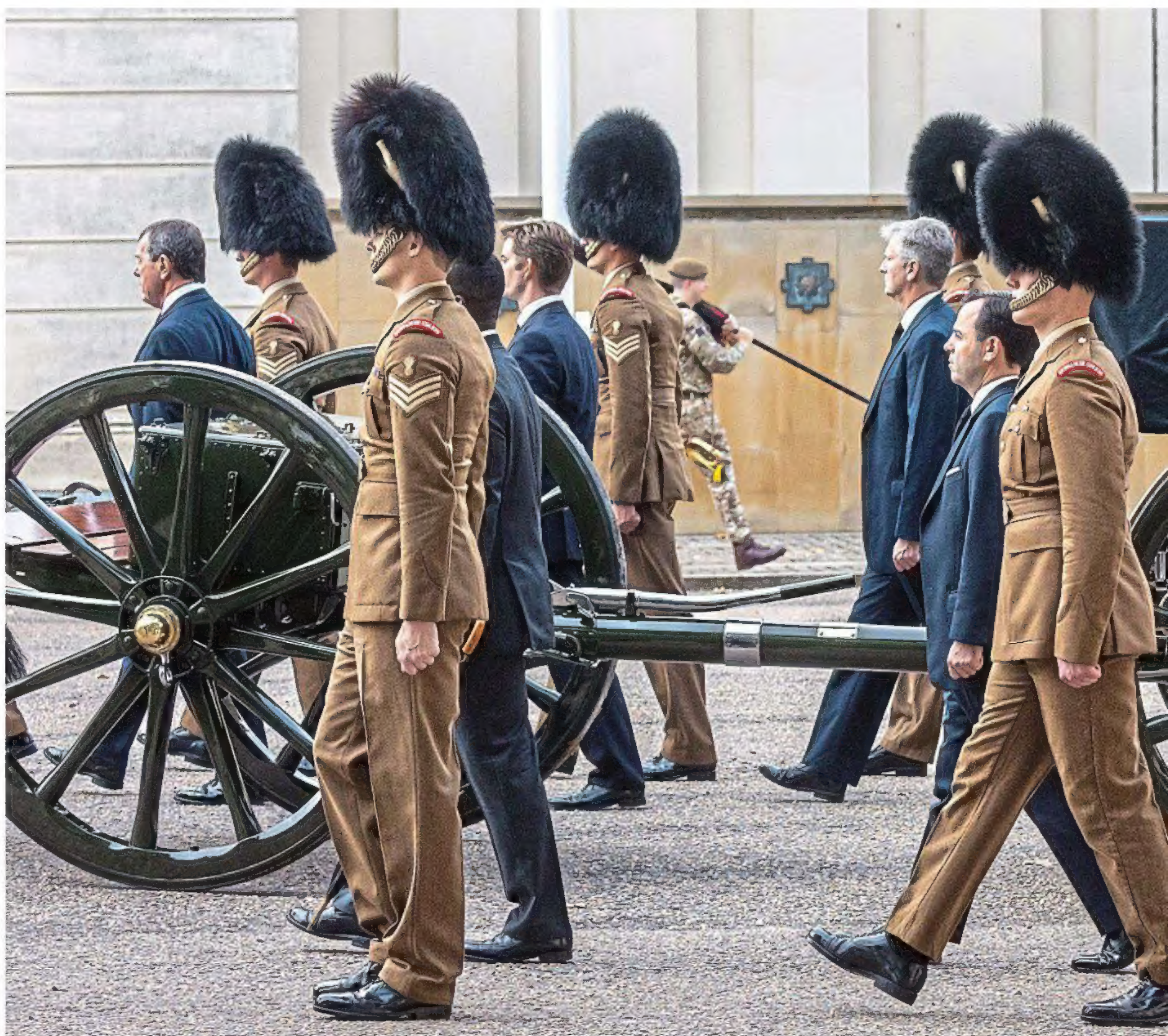
Asked if the British government expected Mr Biden to get on a bus, the spokesperson added: 'That would be a question for the US in how they prefer the president to travel and I think that's fairly well documented.'

The papers, first reported by website Politico, also suggested international guests keep their delegations as small as possible - ideally with invitations limited to the head of state and their spouse.

Australia's new prime minister Anthony Albanese has already confirmed he will take an Australian Air Force VIP jet to London, accompanied by his girlfriend Jodie Haydon, the governor-general David Hurley and his wife Linda.



All aboard: Joe Biden AP



THE GRIM R

LIFE GUARDS LAY A COFFIN DRAPED IN BLACK ON A HORSE-DRAWN

by DANIEL BINNS

REHEARSALS for the Queen's funeral took place yesterday, with officials standing in for members of the royal family in a mock procession.

The run-through, which happened at Wellington Barracks just round the corner from Buckingham Palace, included a march of soldiers and staff alongside a stand-in coffin draped in a black cloth.

The men were further seen practising carrying the coffin and laying it down on a horse-drawn gun carriage ahead of Monday's ceremony, which is expected to be watched by a crowd of tens of thousands of mourners, scores of dignitaries and millions of TV viewers.

In line with previous rehearsals, it is thought the coffin would have been the exact same weight as the Queen's.

Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment horses were also seen having their hooves specially treated before the rehearsal for the funeral at Westminster Abbey. While it was not thought to have been a full dress rehearsal, sombre members of the Life Guards wore their helmets and were seen carrying ceremonial swords.

There have been almost daily rehearsals for the funeral and related events, drawing crowds to the barracks. One onlooker tweeted: 'Even the rehearsal at Wellington Barracks seemed moving!' Another wrote: 'The sound of the massed bands practicing is incredibly haunting.'

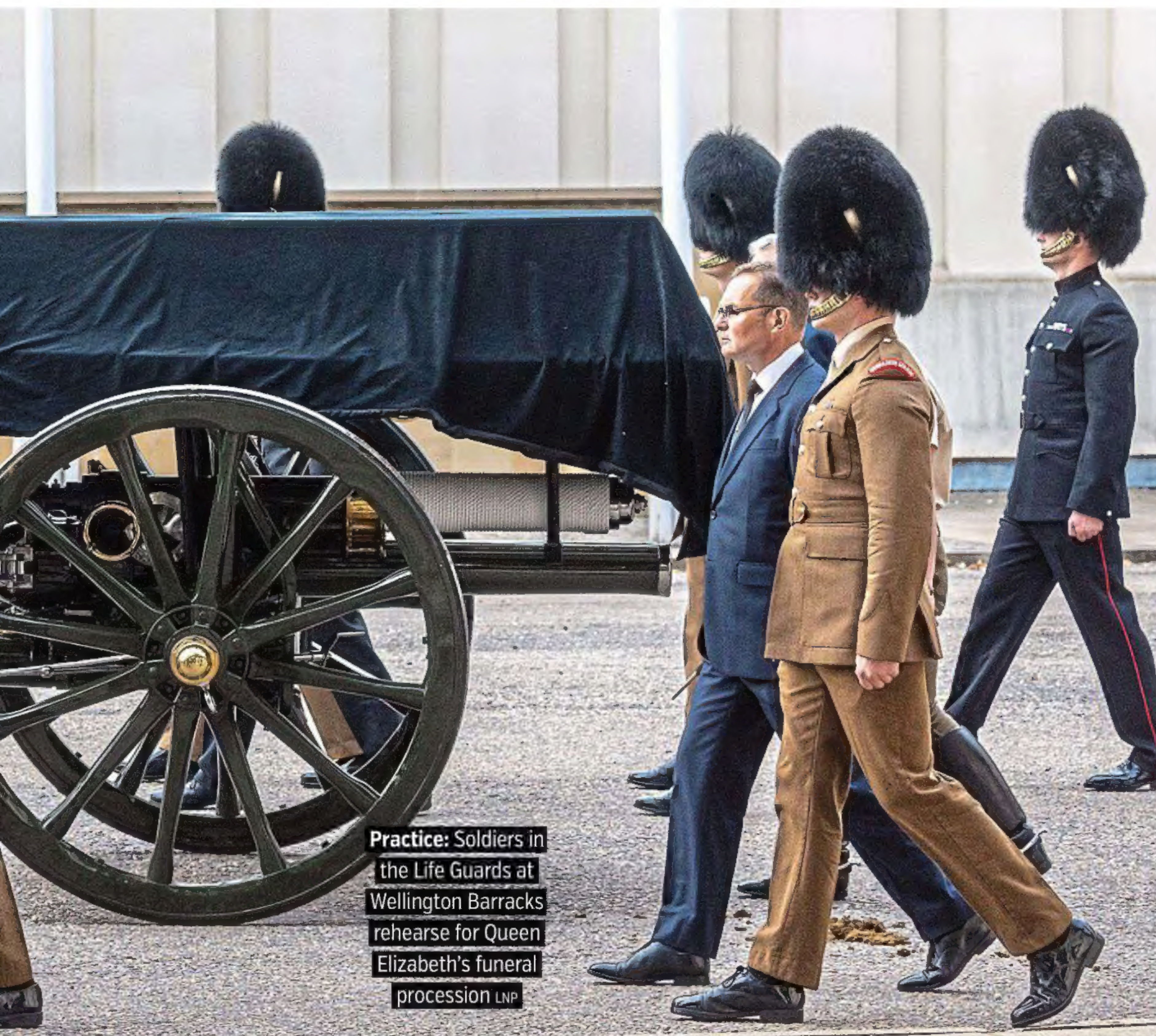


Best foot forward: Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment horses get treatment GETTY



Run-through: Soldiers and officials stand in for royals at the rehearsal SHUTTERSTOCK

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Practice: Soldiers in the Life Guards at Wellington Barracks rehearse for Queen Elizabeth's funeral procession LNP

REHEARSAL

CARRIAGE AS PREPARATIONS FOR QUEEN'S FUNERAL GET UNDER WAY



A weight on their shoulders: Soldiers carry a black cloth-draped coffin said to be the same weight as the Queen's ALEX LENTATI/ LNP

Heckler calls Duke of York 'sick old man'



Taunts: A man is seen shouting at Prince Andrew before being led away by police



by JOEL TAYLOR

A HECKLER branded the Duke of York a 'sick old man' and 'disgusting' as he walked behind the Queen's coffin in Edinburgh yesterday.

Prince Andrew, who has stepped down as a working royal, had joined his siblings in trailing the coffin as it was taken from the Palace of Holyroodhouse to St Giles' Cathedral, where Elizabeth II was due to lie in state.

Social media footage showed the protester yelling abuse then being tackled by onlookers in the crowd, before being led away by police.

A Police Scotland spokesman said: 'A 22-year-old man was arrested in connection with a breach of the peace on the Royal Mile around 2.50pm.'

Andrew, the late monarch's disgraced second son, stepped down from public life over his friendship with paedophile billionaire Jeffrey Epstein and earlier this year paid £12million to settle a civil sexual assault case. He strongly denies claims made by alleged victim Virginia Guiffre.

In January, ahead of his legal settlement, the Queen stripped him of his honorary

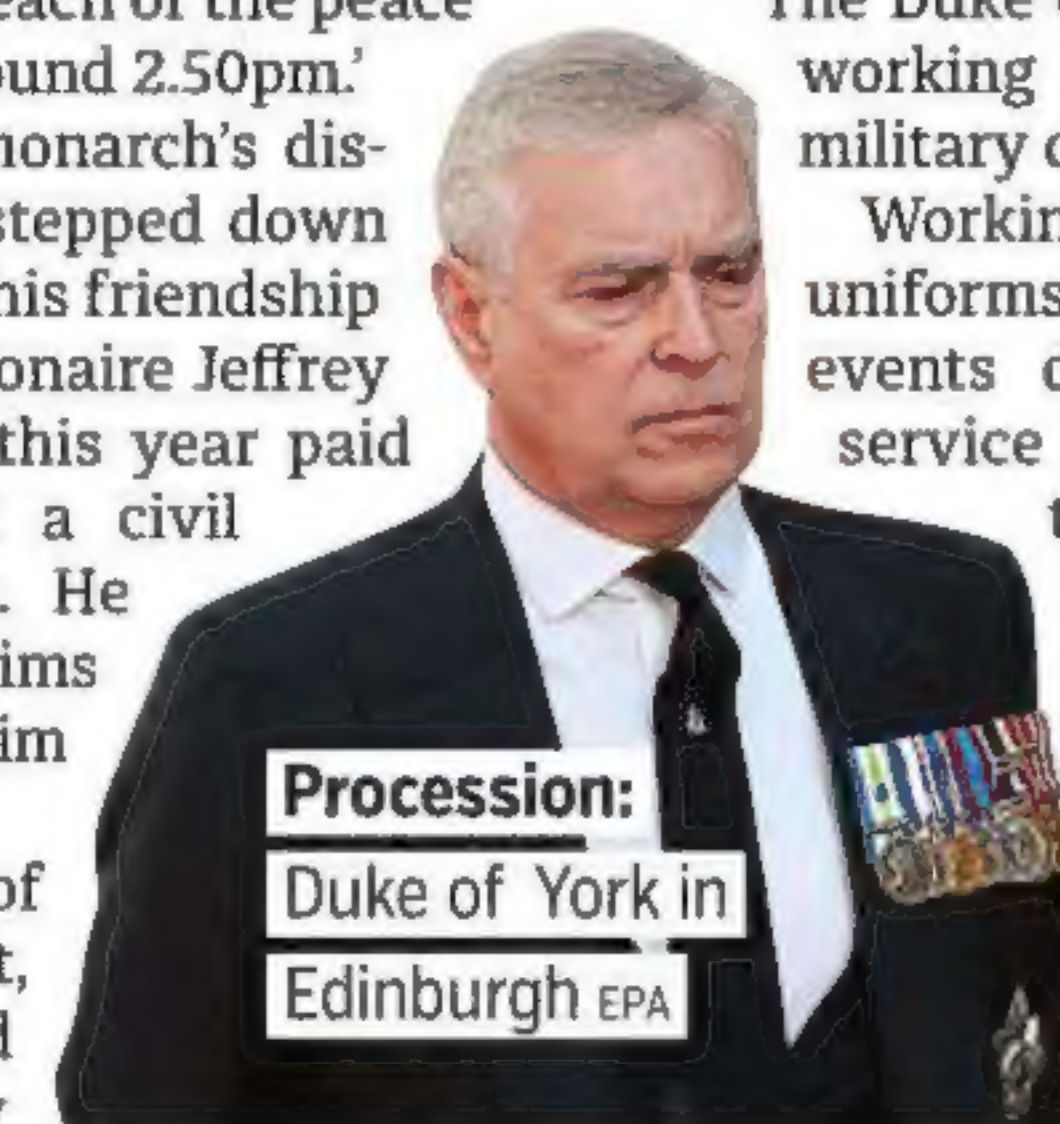
military roles, including Colonel of the Grenadier Guards, and he gave up his HRH title. As a former naval officer who served in the Falklands War, he retained his rank as a Vice-Admiral.

The duke wore civilian clothes yesterday with his black suit adorned with military medals as he stood guard at the Queen's coffin in Edinburgh.

He will wear a suit at most events but an exception has been made as a 'special mark of respect' for the Queen and he will wear a uniform at the vigil tomorrow night at Westminster Hall.

The Duke of Sussex - also a non working royal - will not wear military dress at ceremonies.

Working royals are wearing uniforms at five ceremonial events during mourning: the service at St Giles' Cathedral, the procession to Westminster Hall and service, the vigil at Westminster Hall, the state funeral at Westminster Abbey and the committal service at St George's Chapel in Windsor.



Procession: Duke of York in Edinburgh EPA

Charge over 'breach of peace'

A WOMAN who was arrested during the accession proclamation for the new King in Edinburgh on Sunday was charged by police yesterday.

Police Scotland said the 22-year-old was due to appear at Edinburgh sheriff court at a later date.

A force spokesperson said: 'A 22-year-old woman was arrested outside St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Sunday, September 11, 2022, in connection with a breach of the peace.'

'She was charged and was released on an undertaking to appear at Edinburgh sheriff court at a later date.'

Human rights group Amnesty International UK said the right to peaceful protest was 'essential'.

Naomi McAuliffe, Scotland Programme Director, said: 'It's incredibly important that at all times - even those of national mourning - that the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful protest are



Protest: Police apprehend a member of the public on the Royal Mile upheld. Protest can be annoying - or even upsetting, to some - but it is absolutely essential for a rights respecting society.'

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I cherish the times I spent with Granny, says Harry

by DANIEL BINNS

THE Duke of Sussex has paid an emotional tribute to Queen Elizabeth II and pledged his support for his father.

Describing her as a 'guiding compass' in her commitment to service and duty, Prince Harry thanked his grandmother for her 'sound advice' and 'infectious smile'.

His statement, released yesterday, is understood to have been held back for a day, out of respect for the anniversary of the September 11 attacks.

The duke also promised to honour his father, Charles, at the start of his reign as King. He said: 'In celebrating the life of my grandmother, Her Majesty The Queen – and in mourning her loss – we are all reminded of the guiding compass she was to so many in her commitment to service and duty.'

'She was globally admired and respected. Her unwavering grace and dignity remained true throughout her life and now her everlasting legacy.'

'Let us echo the words she spoke after the passing of her husband, Prince Philip, words which can bring comfort to all of us now: "Life, of course, consists of final partings as well as first meetings".'

The father-of-two added: 'Granny, while this final parting brings us great sadness, I am forever grateful for all of our first meetings – from my earliest childhood memories with you, to meeting you for the first time as my Commander-in-Chief, to the first moment you met my darling wife and hugged your beloved great-grandchildren.'

'I cherish these times shared with you, and the many other special moments in between. You are already sorely



Unity: Harry and Meghan at Windsor

GETTY



'Beloved': The Queen meets Harry's son

missed, not just by us, but by the world over. And as it comes to first meetings, we now honour my father in his new role as King Charles III.

'Thank you for your commitment to service. Thank you for your sound advice. Thank you for your infectious smile.'

'We, too, smile knowing that you and grandpa are reunited now, and both together in peace.'

Harry's statement came two days after he and the Duchess of Sussex joined the new Prince and Princess of Wales at Windsor Castle.

Prince William and Harry's relationship troubles are well documented but the death of their grandmother saw the brothers put aside their differences when,

accompanied by their wives, they viewed floral tributes and met well-wishers at the castle. It is understood that the Prince of Wales invited Harry and Meghan to join him and Kate.

A royal source said that William thought it would be an 'important show of unity'.

Charles remains at Clarence House amid works at palace

THE King will, for now, remain living at Clarence House, rather than Buckingham Palace – as major building work there is yet to be completed.

The London palace has served as the monarch's official residence in the capital since 1837. And Charles III has already held audiences with the prime minister, ministers and high commissioners there.

But the 775-room landmark will initially be reserved for official duties amid a ten-year, £369million refurbishment, which began in 2017 and includes updating cabling, plumbing and heating.

Charles moved into London's Clarence House in 2003. The Queen Mother's former home, finished in 1827, is much loved by him and Camilla, the Queen Consort. The



Home since 2003: Clarence House GETTY

King is also expected to inherit his late mother's estates of Balmoral and Sandringham. It is not known if he will pass his Welsh home, Llangynwernod, to his son, the new Prince of Wales.



Seat in parliament:
Charles in vast
Westminster Hall
JOHN SIBLEY/WPA

THRONE ALONE



NEW KING FEELS 'WEIGHT OF HISTORY' INSIDE PARLIAMENT

THE King sits on a throne as MPs and peers gather to express their condolences in Westminster Hall, where his mother will lie in state.

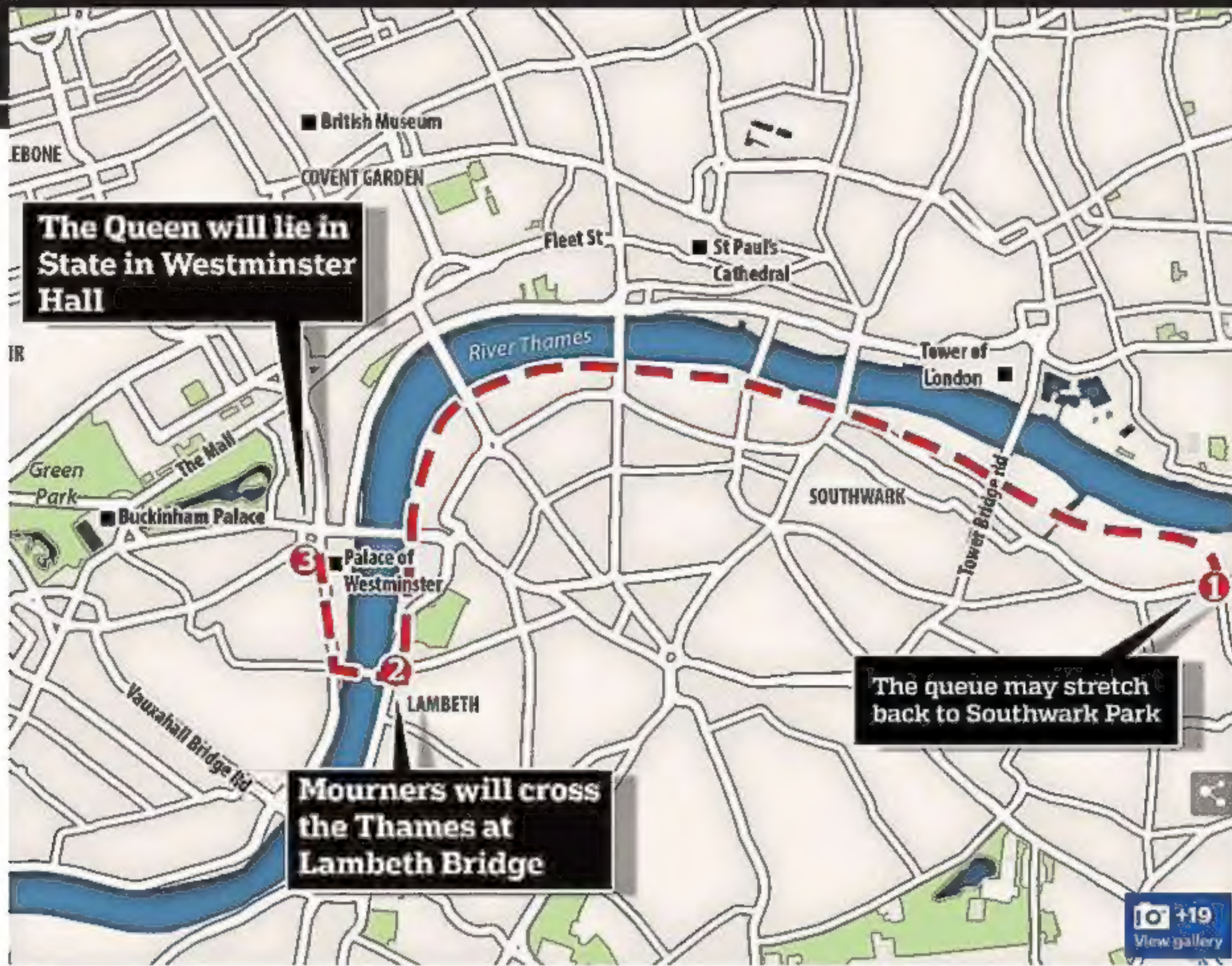
He spoke of feeling the weight of history in the 900-year-old building and promised 'faithfully to follow' her example of selfless duty. After

speaker Sir Lindsay Hoyle formally expressed parliament's sorrow, Charles – with Camilla, the Queen Consort, sat beside him – stood at a gilded lectern to tell them: 'I am deeply grateful,' adding the tributes 'touchingly encompass what our late sovereign, my beloved mother the

Queen, meant to us all'. After quoting Hamlet in his address the day after her death, Charles told them: 'As Shakespeare says of the earlier Queen Elizabeth, she was "a pattern to all princes living"'. The King appeared moved as parliament sang God Save The King for the first time.



Address:
The Queen
Consort
listens to
the King's
speech PA



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Solemn vigil: The Queen Mother lying in state in Westminster Hall in 2002, as her daughter will 20 years later REXMAILPIX

Where will the Queen's coffin be available to view?

In Westminster Hall, which is part of the Houses of Parliament complex in central London. The casket will be closed and positioned on a raised platform. Entry will be free.

How long will it be available to view?

From 5pm tomorrow until 6.30am on Monday, September 19. The hall will be open 24 hours a day - a total of 109 hours and 30 minutes.

What will the experience be for those viewing the Queen lying in state?

After going through airport-style security, members of the public will be allowed to slowly walk past the monarch's coffin in silence, then exit. Visitors must 'dress appropriately' and those wearing clothes with 'political or offensive slogans' will not be allowed in. People will not be allowed to take photos or videos.

How long will the queue be?

It could be five miles long, with the wait as long as 30 hours, say some estimates. A million well-wishers would be the equivalent of just over 9,100 people per hour.

What will the queue be like?

Police say it will be slowly, constantly, moving - with little or no chance to sit



THE QUEUE E 2

DEDICATED MOURNERS COULD WAIT 30 HOURS IN LINE SPANNING CENTRAL LONDON



down or sleep. Those in the queue will get wristbands and will not be allowed to hold spaces for others.

And the line will be patrolled by stewards and police, with portable toilets available.

Vanessa Nanthakumaran, 56, of Harrow, started the line yesterday, two days early.

Will people be allowed to camp?

No. Camping equipment is banned and items such as tents, sleeping bags and gazebos will be confiscated.

Where will the queue be?

The full details are due to be announced at 10pm tonight. However, it is thought the main thoroughfare will be over Lambeth

Bridge and through Victoria Tower Gardens, next to parliament. Some have suggested it could stretch to Southwark Park, five miles away.

What can I bring?

No bags bigger than 40cm x 30cm x 20cm are allowed. No food or drink is allowed inside Westminster Hall either. Flowers, teddy bears, flags and other

tribute items are also banned and will be confiscated - and not returned.

Are children allowed?

Yes, they are.

What about access for disabled people?

Officials say step-free access will be provided 'for those who need it', and guide dogs will be permitted.

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■ As a little girl in Havana, Cuba, during World War II, I had a favourite doll. It was Princess Elizabeth. It was very difficult to find anything so special in Cuba at that time but my mother managed. The doll was dressed in a mellow shade of gold and was wearing a little crown brooch! She was my favourite doll, even though I had a Shirley Temple one!

Queen Elizabeth has been a part of my life since then. I have admired and respected her always. She has been a luminous example of devotion to duty.
Clara M Botana

■ I'm nine years old next week and I'm so sad that the Queen has died. My mummy always taught me good about her and I know who she is - she is a beautiful lady like my nanna.

I hope they have a cup of tea together in heaven. My nanna liked dogs as well, like the Queen. I bet they will get on loads and they can both look after my baby brother in heaven. RIP Queen, I love you. Night night, lots of love and sweet dreams.
Princess Cooper

■ I had the privilege to work for you in the Anniversaries Office, arranging cards for people when they reached 100.

You inspired and comforted me during the pandemic after I lost my husband and when I was alone. Your presence was a comfort and your words reassuring.

Bless you, Your Majesty, and I hope you are reunited now with your dear Philip. It has been a sad time but I know you are now at peace.
Ann Bains

■ I heard many beautiful stories of the time my great-grandfather, Richard Bevan, served as your chaplain between 1986 and 1993. The way he spoke so highly of you and your family brought joy and honour to our whole family. It was truly an absolute honour to loyally serve you under your lengthy reign.

You will be truly missed. I hope that you will now find peace and be reunited with your beloved Philip.
A Bevan



Momentous: Friday's Metro among floral tributes in Green Park, near Buckingham Palace, on Friday

Cornwall to Kingston, Ontario. The train travelled through my city, Brockville, and my brother and I saw them on the back of it, waving to the crowd. Will always remember them!
Robyn Levere

■ Woman, daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. All are titles special in their own right but you managed these alongside that of Queen, and a lifelong commitment of service promised in oath to your people. You executed this service with honour, stoicism, humour and love. You were true to yourself and vows. Rest in peace with your family and predecessors knowing you succeeded in a job so well done that the gap left will need to be filled by two.
Janis Fyfe

■ Over the years from Zimbabwe, I've been a religious follower and sworn lover of the Queen. My country is not in the Commonwealth, so legally she is not my queen, but I know what I feel in my heart and therein she will forever reign. Her stoicism is something I've always been in awe of, her grace and elegance, so regal, so poised and perfect - the same

Growing up in Cuba, my favourite doll was of her

■ I'm Slovakian, living in the UK for 19 years, and it was a pleasure to see you in Horsham, West Sussex, when you visited our town. My knowledge about you and your country wasn't big but that has changed since then. Your knowledge and dedication was an amazing inspiration to all of us.
Darina

■ I'm so thrilled I got to visit the country and the palace this past summer under your tenure as Queen, not knowing you would leave shortly

after. I learned so much about the history, culture, your influence. One of the best memories was seeing the Crown Jewels and watching your coronation ceremony while waiting in line. You were an amazing example of a woman in power.
Tasha Smith

■ I was from a Commonwealth country, learning about Your Majesty and your family in school. Then I became a proud citizen of England, which has always been my home in

spirit and heart. Your Majesty has been the epitome of grace, kindness, respect, honour and duty, and you displayed a dry, wicked sense of humour. Thank you for all your sacrifice and service to your people. You are loved beyond measure and so greatly respected.
Elizabeth Seah

■ Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip visited Canada in September 1984 and came to Eastern Ontario, where they got on a VIA train and travelled from

Elizabeth who never put a foot wrong. Rest in peace, my Queen, you are well loved.
Mpumelelo Nyoni

■ I'm proud to have served in the Royal Air Force for 14 years and worn Her Majesty's crown in my cap badge. RIP. It was a job done well.
George Campbell

■ I'm a Filipino and the huge impact and dignity you had over the 70 years you reigned is unmatched and will be

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forever irreplaceable. Here in Asia, you are dearly loved and admired. You are a woman of great passion, humility, class, honour, discipline, beauty and immense presence worldwide.

John Joseph Montegrejo

■ She was everything a human being should be – of good humour, dedicated to her subjects and with a fabulous smile always. We put up crowns and a maypole for her coronation when I was a child. I have a Paddington Bear and a crown in my window that will stay there until after her funeral. It won't be the same without her.

Jennifer Padmore

■ I have fond memories of attending many Trooping the Colours along with my deceased father, Harry Harding, who was Corporal of Horse in Attendance at the coronation. He spoke of the great honour and excitement he had escorting her on that day. I send my condolences to all the royal family. Long live King Charles III, you will serve us well.

Deborah Bell

■ I am lucky enough to have seen Her Majesty in person and got the chance to listen to her speech. She was the most charismatic person I've ever met.

Claudia Michelle Schiller Marcos

■ Your Majesty, I remember your coronation even though I was only four. I was dressed in a crepe paper outfit with pieces of toast stuck all over it, winning me the fancy dress competition. I can't remember what I won but I do remember the joy and excitement of all the grown-ups during the celebrations. I know we all have to go sometime but your light shone so brightly in all of our lives. Your strength, humour and duty have guided us through the decades of your reign. You will never be forgotten.

Pauline Brake

■ Our condolences to the royal family on the loss of Queen Elizabeth II. We moved to your country from Australia this year with our two children – both



Our gracious Queen

Historic day: Yesterday's Metro showing the Queen's coffin in Edinburgh

under three – who fell in love with our Queen. It ended up being our daughter's first word, 'Queen!' We visited Buckingham Palace, its State Rooms, Kensington Palace and Balmoral this year to share our love

of the monarchy with our children. We are proud to call this nation, built solely on the unwavering strength and loyalty of Her Majesty, home. Thank you, Ma'am.

Courtney James Fagan Miladinovic

■ I was four years old, sitting on tiered seating on the Mall near Admiralty House, in the pouring rain for hours. Suddenly the crowd became more animated, the guards on their magnificent horses appeared and then a brilliant coach with a small figure in it went by, waving to the crowd. Later, I was told I had been to the coronation. Ever since, I have felt an affinity for this wonderful head of our nation.

Kenneth Leslie Reams

■ From singing for her in a choir as a child, I've had the honour of working many events with the Queen. She filled every room with humour and elegance and, like many, I feel the loss of her greatly. My heart, thoughts and prayers are with the royal family at this time of great sorrow. May the memory of her glow as bright with all that she was and all that she represented.

Chevelle Jacobs

■ I met Queen Elizabeth II on May 18, 1993, at the laying of the foundation stone for the pavilion in Pallister Park. She met the public there and she was delightful and full of smiles. It was a pleasure to meet her on that day.

Jim Teasdale

■ Queen Elizabeth II was the glue that held Great Britain together for 70 years. Well done for not breaking your promise 75 years ago about devoting your services.

Matthew Warren

■ My own memory is your Silver Jubilee when I was eight years old and you came to Torquay in Devon. I danced in the street with my school friends and was later taken to Torquay harbourside with my parents and sister. We waited for you to drive past in your open-top car. You and the Duke were stood up waving as you drove past. Amazing memories.

Michelle Bassi

■ The Queen was more than just our sovereign – she was the mother of the nation and cared for us diligently throughout her long reign. She continued to carry out her duties

selflessly even after the loss of her beloved husband, Philip, and when her own health began to fail. I feel so privileged to have been a member of Singology Choir when we sang O Little Town of Bethlehem at Windsor Castle and featured in the Queen's Christmas speech. It's a memory I'll treasure for ever.

Thérèse Palmer

■ I just admired Your Majesty so much. My grandson sent you a birthday card on your 89th birthday. His mummy posted it to you not expecting a response but you did reply and that letter is now extra special. May God bless you and your family and give them comfort.

Pamela Elizabeth Smith

■ You were the reason I was proud to be British: steadfast, impeccable and dedicated. Britain and the world will be a lesser place without you. I had the honour and privilege of attending a royal garden party in 2010. Rest in peace now, your job here is done.

John Kenny

■ I am very sorry to hear the Queen passed away. I liked her a lot. I came to this country in 1972 from Uganda, and the Queen had accepted all the Asians in this country and I say thank you so much for that.

Sumitra Lakhani

■ Paddington Bear and marmalade sandwiches, a mother who could see through a child's eyes and a woman made for being a Queen who could understand the British public as well as her duty to the crown. Sad loss, sad day.

Sheila O'Neill

■ I once served in the Welsh Guards and had the wonderful opportunity to present arms to her on many, many occasions. She was the perfect human being in all aspects and may she find peace in the arms of her Lord. God bless you, our great and true queen. From all of your family. In your United Kingdom.

George Jones



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WAR IN EUROPE

by DANIEL BINNS

RUSSIAN troops have been overrun during a counter-offensive by Ukraine's army in the north-east of the country, a Kremlin official has admitted.

Invaders are outnumbered eight to one, revealed Vitaly Ganchev, Moscow-installed head of occupied Kharkiv.

He conceded Ukrainian forces had recaptured a string of villages in the region in a 'lightning' assault, and told TV channel Rossiya-24 some 5,000 civilians had been evacuated to Russia, and the border shut. 'The situation is becoming more difficult by the hour,' he added.

Ukraine said it regained control over more than 1,000sq miles after its major fightback began last week – though this has not been verified.

Kyiv also accused Russia of attacking power and water plants. President Volodymyr Zelensky said on Sunday there was 'a total blackout' in Kharkiv and Donetsk, adding: 'The goal is to deprive people of light and heat.'

Lord Richard Dannatt, the UK's former Army head, said yesterday that the 'significant' fightback could mark a major breakthrough. He told Sky News: 'The Russians have pretty much turned and fled in that area of Ukraine. This is a great success for the Ukrainians.'

But he insisted the West needed to keep giving the country weapons, cautioning: 'There's a long way to go.'

Moscow's lack of an explanation for the withdrawals provoked anger among some pro-war commentators and nationalists on social media, some

RUSSIANS ARE OUTNUMBERED ... EIGHT TO ONE



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Pushed back: Tank left after Russian forces fled EASTWEST

calling for president Vladimir Putin to make immediate changes.

State news outlets, including Russia Today, conceded Kremlin troops were forced back, but said officials 'described the loss of territory as a temporary setback, necessary to win time'.

Meanwhile, the head of the UN's nuclear watchdog said he had started talks with Ukraine and Russia on his



plan for a 'nuclear safety and security protection zone' around the occupied Zaporizhzhia power plant, which both sides accused the other of attacking.

Rafael Grossi, of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said: 'What we need here really is Ukraine and Russia to agree on a very simple principle of not shelling the plant.'

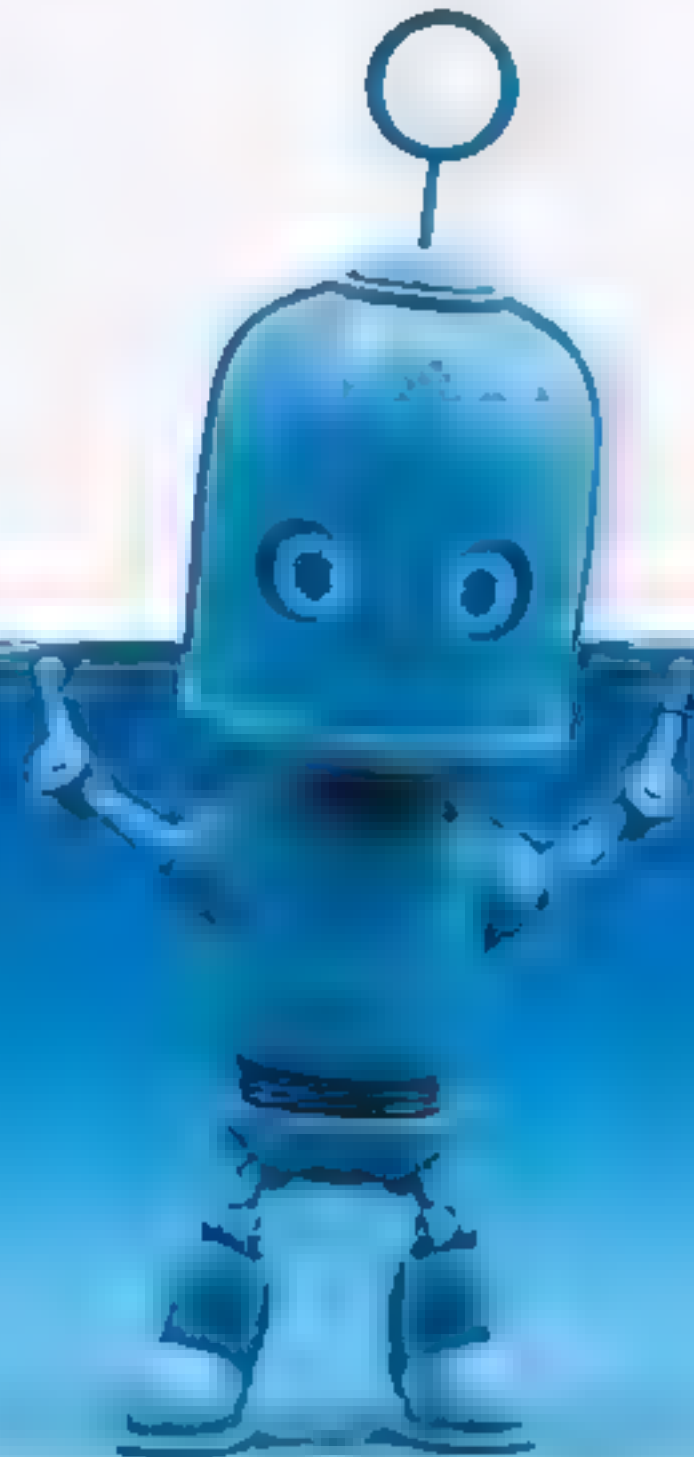
WORLD BITES

- PAKISTAN is grappling with food shortages after deadly floods left the country's agriculture belt under water, said prime minister Shehbaz Sharif. More than 660,000 people are living at relief camps and in makeshift homes.
- A BRITISH ex-pat accused of masterminding a £1.5billion fraud cannot be extradited to Denmark to face charges, an Emirati court has ruled. Hedge fund boss Sanjay Shah, 52, denies involvement in the scam. Denmark may appeal.
- A POPULIST anti-immigration party surged to become Sweden's second-largest political force. Overall, a conservative opposition bloc including the anti-immigration Sweden Democrats had a narrow lead over the centre-left with 94 per cent of the votes counted.
- A TOURIST has died after a motorboat overturned in rapids at the Grand Canyon National Park. Ronald Vanderlugt, 67, was on the fifth day of a trip on the Colorado river when the boat hit rocks. Four others were hurt in the incident.
- SWITZERLAND has chosen a site near the German border to build a £21billion nuclear waste store. After a 14-year search, it said Nördlich Lägern's thick clay made it the 'safest' region to bury radioactive spent fuel. Work could start in 2045.

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THE TOOTH SCARY

PREGNANT MUM REVEALS HOW DENTAL PAIN TURNED OUT TO BE BRAIN TUMOUR

A MUM who survived a brain tumour after thinking it was only toothache is now preparing for the birth of her second baby.

Emma Webster went to a dental surgery in April 2018 with excruciating pain in one of her teeth. The dentist thought she had an infection and gave her root canal treatment.

However, the pain spread to the top of her mouth and the tip of her nose. She visited her GP who diagnosed neuralgia – a stabbing pain due to an irritated nerve and she was treated for the condition for six months.

But after also developing blurred vision she was eventually diagnosed with a brain tumour behind her right eye in January 2019. Within weeks, Emma – mum to seven-year-old son Alfie with fiancé Kieran McGurk – had brain surgery to remove 70 per cent of the benign tumour.

Now she has yearly scans to check the growth of the tumour, and the 29-year-old is expecting a second child next month. Emma, an administrator, from Airdrie, North Lanarkshire, said: 'I kept thinking, "why me?"

by STEPHEN DEAL

What have I done wrong?" I could only think of Alfie and what would happen to him if he lost his mum. I was ready to start planning my own funeral.

'I can't believe I've now got to the stage I am not always having to be at the hospital.

'Instead we bought our new home, I am getting married in two years, and I'm expecting my second child in eight weeks. I never thought that would be the case back in 2019.'

She added: 'Brain tumours run in my family. My nana, Alice Travers, was just 55 when she died from a brain tumour in February 2001.

'My parents were so worried that the same thing would happen to me.

'I really wouldn't have got through the last three years without such supportive family and friends.'

Now, Emma, Alfie, her mum Lorraine Webster, and friend Becca will take on Brain Tumour Research's five-mile Walk of Hope fundraiser at Chatelherault Country Park in Hamilton, South Lanarkshire, on September 24.



Proud mum: Emma Webster, pictured with son Alfie, is expecting a baby next month after recovering from brain surgery, above left SWNS

IN BRIEF

Scots Covid-19 rates up but drop across the UK

CORONAVIRUS rates in Scotland have increased slightly after weeks of decline – but have dropped to their lowest level for nearly 11 months in the whole of the UK, according to new figures.

The Office for National Statistics estimates around one in 50 Scots (104,400) had the virus in the week to August 28.

It is a slight increase from the week before, where an estimated one in 55 people had Covid-19.

A total of 944,700 people in UK private households are estimated to have had the virus in the week to August 28, the ONS found.

This is the lowest UK total since the week to October 2, 2021, when the number stood at 942,600.

People not eating for 4 days, food bank warns

A FOOD bank in Glasgow has warned of people going four days without eating – as it said 130 families per week were using it.

Drumchapel food bank workers said an increasing amount of people with jobs are reaching out to them for help but the service has also been receiving fewer donations, which has forced it to put out an urgent appeal.

Volunteer Ryan McGeady said: 'I had a guy who was phoning me last week, saying he hasn't eaten in four days.

'I told him he should have phoned after the first day. There is absolutely no shame in it.'

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Cheap mortgage deals down by 1,000 in year

MORE than 500 mortgage deals have vanished from the market in the space of a month as rising base rates continue to squeeze out cheap loans for borrowers.

The number of available fixed and variable rate home loans has shrunk to 3,890 – nearly 1,000 fewer than a year ago, and the lowest level since April 2021, Moneyfacts.co.uk said.

This month, 517 fewer residential mortgages were available than the total counted in August.

But Moneyfacts finance expert Eleanor Williams said it was important borrowers were 'not put off exploring their options' with the average standard variable rate now standing at 5.40 per cent – the highest since 2008.

BUSINESS BITES

HEATHROW was used by 6million passengers last month – a sharp rise on 2.2million a year earlier. But the airport still had less custom than in August 2019, as it continues to cap departures amid staff shortages.

HOTEL CHOCOLAT is to stop sales to customers through its own websites in the US. The London-listed retailer's announcement comes two months after it said it was paring back its growth plans.

RUPERT SOAMES, the grandson of Sir Winston Churchill, is to step down as boss of Serco. He took the reins in 2014, when the outsourcing giant was mired in scandal. Private equity veteran Mark Irwin is taking over.

TWITTER has denied that paying more than £6million to a whistleblower breached the conditions of its £37million buyout by Elon Musk. The Tesla and SpaceX boss cited the move as a reason to get out of the deal.

THE owner of Ladbrokes, Coral and Sportingbet is being investigated over alleged breaches of anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing rules in Australia. Entain Group is co-operating with the probe.

TOURIST RATES

Australia (A\$)	1.61
Canada (C\$)	1.45
Euro (€)	1.10
New Zealand (NZ\$)	1.77
Pound (sterling)	0.75
Singapore (S\$)	1.52
South Africa (rand)	18.85
US (\$)	1.11

MPs are to be called back to tackle energy crisis budget

by JOEL TAYLOR

PLANS for an emergency budget are likely to see MPs recalled to parliament next week, after the Queen's funeral.

Politics has been largely put on hold during the ten-day period of mourning for the Queen, which lasts until Monday.

But yesterday, the prime minister's official spokesman said the government still intended to hold the 'fiscal event' before the end of the month, as previously promised by Liz Truss.

After being sworn in as prime minister last week, Ms Truss announced long-awaited plans to tackle sky-high energy bills and ease the cost of living crisis, with a focus on capping prices and boosting domestic energy supplies.

That includes lifting the ban on fracking and giving new licences for North Sea oil and gas, as well as stating support for clean energy sources, such as nuclear, wind and solar.

Chancellor Kwasi Kwarteng is due to give details of how the plan will be funded during the emergency fiscal announcement.

Under the government's energy price guarantee, bills for the average household will go no higher than £2,500 at any point over the next two

PLANS to cut electricity bills for householders who limit their fuel use at peak times are likely to fail, power suppliers have warned. Plans by No.10 to offer incentives, after announcing it will limit bills to £2,500, are under consultation by sector chiefs. But E.ON and Octopus Energy say customer interest in the scheme has been low. It is understood the incentives will only apply to customers who have a smart meter in their homes.

years. Official estimates claim it will save a typical home around £1,000 from October 1, when the current consumer price cap had been set to soar.

With the Commons due to go into conference recess on September 22, there is only a narrow window of time in which to fully explain the new policies.

The Liberal Democrats have cancelled their party conference, which would have clashed with the Queen's funeral, but Labour and Conservative conferences are still expected to go ahead – albeit with a more low-key format.

Economy sees feeble rebound amid heatwave and price rises

THE economy rebounded only slightly in July as the heatwave and rocketing prices held back growth.

Britain's gross domestic product rose by just 0.2 per cent between June and July after a drop of 0.6 per cent in May to June when output was hit by the Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday, the Office for National Statistics said.

But July's growth was lower than the 0.3 per cent predicted by economists.

The services sector was the biggest driver of the July pick-up, growing by 0.4 per cent after a 0.5 per cent drop.

However, record temperatures in July meant it was too hot for some workers, particularly builders, to go on site. And



Beach days: Heatwave hit growth GETTY

the ONS said soaring costs also hit the construction sector hard.

Economist Yael Selfin, of KPMG UK, said July's growth was 'feeble', adding a 'shallow recession' this year looked likely.

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The Queen of flowers

CLARE MORRISROE TAKES A LOOK AT SOME OF THE MANY PLANTS NAMED AFTER THE MONARCH



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It's no secret that the Queen was a lover of gardening and one of the highlights of her working calendar was to attend the annual Chelsea Flower Show.

As a girl, Princess Elizabeth was a regular visitor with her parents - and when she took the throne in 1952 she became patron of the Royal Horticultural Society.

'Her Majesty visited the show more than 50 times during her reign, and always took great pleasure in touring the gardens and plant displays and speaking with exhibitors,' says a spokesperson for the RHS.

'She understood the importance of gardening and there can be no doubt that the Queen and HRH Prince Philip enjoyed the peace and privacy of their gardens at Sandringham, Norfolk.'



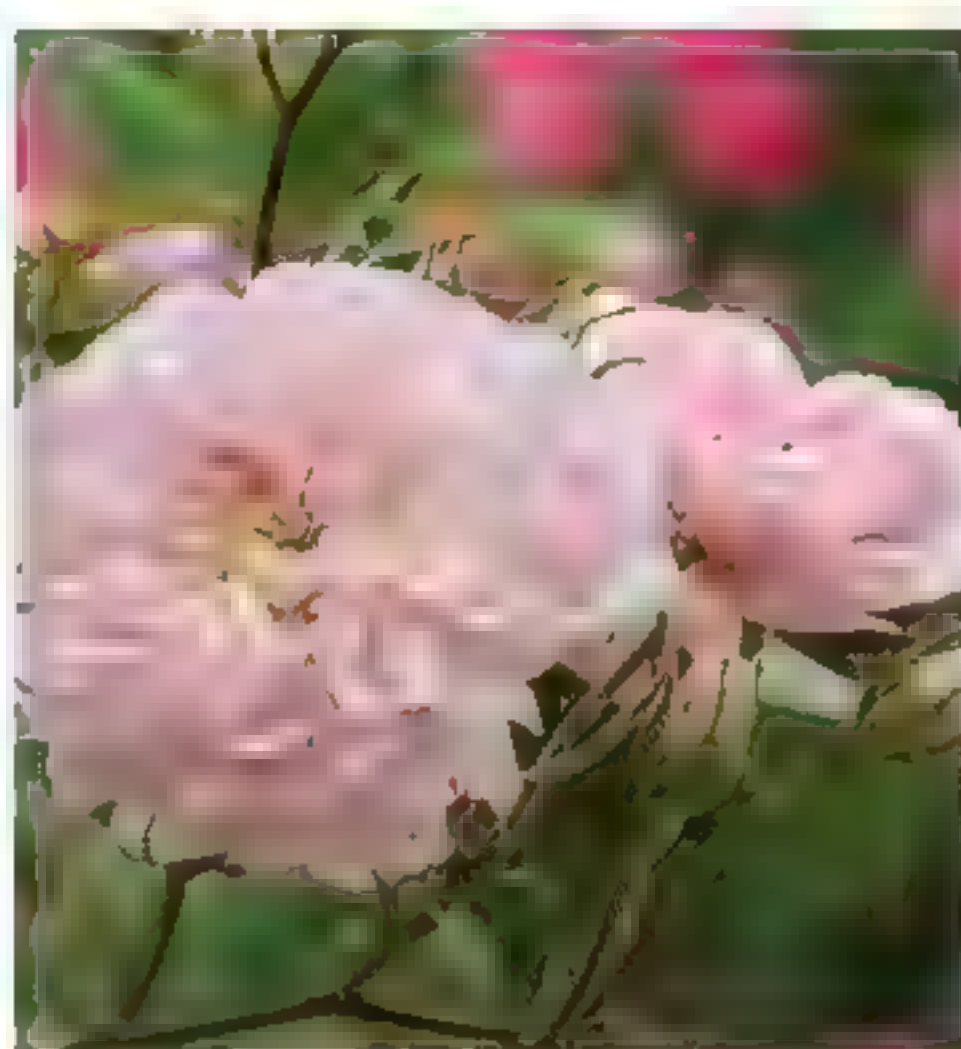
Growing passion: Queen Elizabeth at Chelsea Flower Show earlier this year

Balmoral, Aberdeenshire, and it is said that no one knew the gardens of Buckingham Palace better than the Queen.

'Her Majesty's support has always been a great source of strength to the RHS and we were delighted that the Queen was able to visit this year's RHS Chelsea Flower Show.'

Here Guy Barter, chief horticulturist at the RHS highlights the most popular plants and flowers that have been dedicated to our longest serving monarch.

■ rhs.org.uk



Rosa 'Jubilee Celebration'

WE ARE talking about the lovely David Austin English Shrub Rose, 2002, which has large, repeat flowering dome-shaped coral-pink blooms, held elegantly above the foliage on graceful, arching stems. It also has the added attraction of a delicious fragrance with hints of fresh lemon and raspberry. Grows to 1.2m high and wide and needs a sunny border and any reasonable soil.

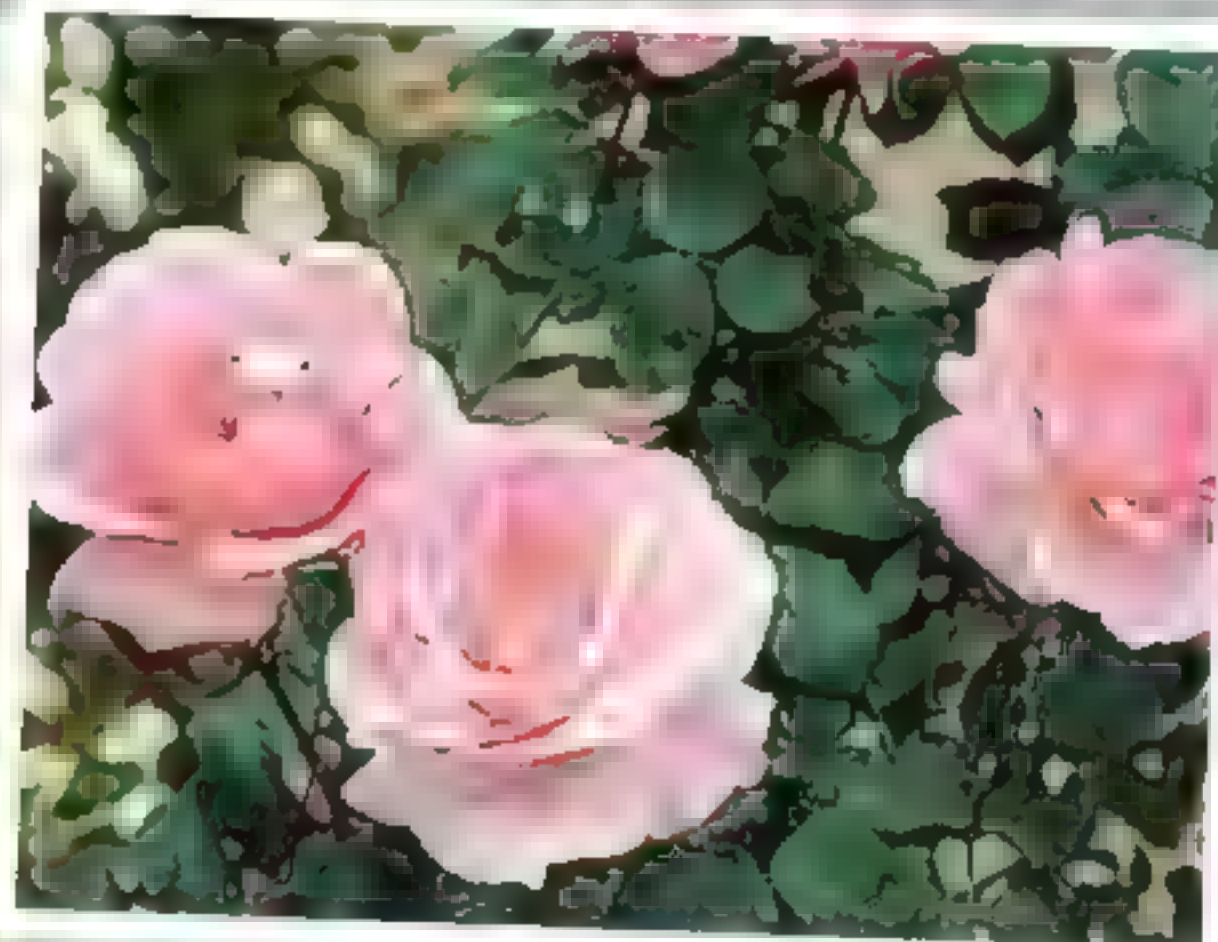


Lilium 'Queen Elizabeth'

A SUMMER bulb, this perennial favourite grows erect stems with impressively glossy, dark green, lance-shaped leaves and in summer boasts fragrant, deep rose-pink flowers with darker pink spots and white edges. Remove faded flowers, but do not cut back the stems before autumn.



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Rosa 'The Queen Elizabeth II Rose'

A BEAUTIFUL, scented hybrid tea rose, this was introduced by Harkness Roses only this year to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The large, classic-shaped flowers combine elements of soft pink, light amber/gold and cream, and have a strong, sweet rose scent. Its robust, large, dark green leaves offer good disease resistance and this lovely rose will grow into a medium-size bush in sunny borders and any reasonable soil.



Rhododendron 'Queen Elizabeth II'

BRED by the Crown Estate in 1969, this large and lovely bushy, evergreen shrub produces fabulous trusses of pale creamy-yellow funnel-shaped flowers that can grow to 11cms in width. It blooms in May for two weeks only and can be difficult to find as it only has one supplier. Suits light shade and looks fabulous in cottage gardens and more informal planting, as well as in pots for town gardens. Needs acid soil or potting compost.

Rosa 'The Queen Elizabeth II'

THIS fine grandiflora shrub rose was voted the world's favourite rose in 1979. Bred in the US in 1954, it is tall and robust with leathery green leaves and beautiful clusters of single or double, often scented, clear pink flowers on long stems throughout summer to late autumn. Widely sold for its exquisite ornamental value, it prefers a sunny spot.



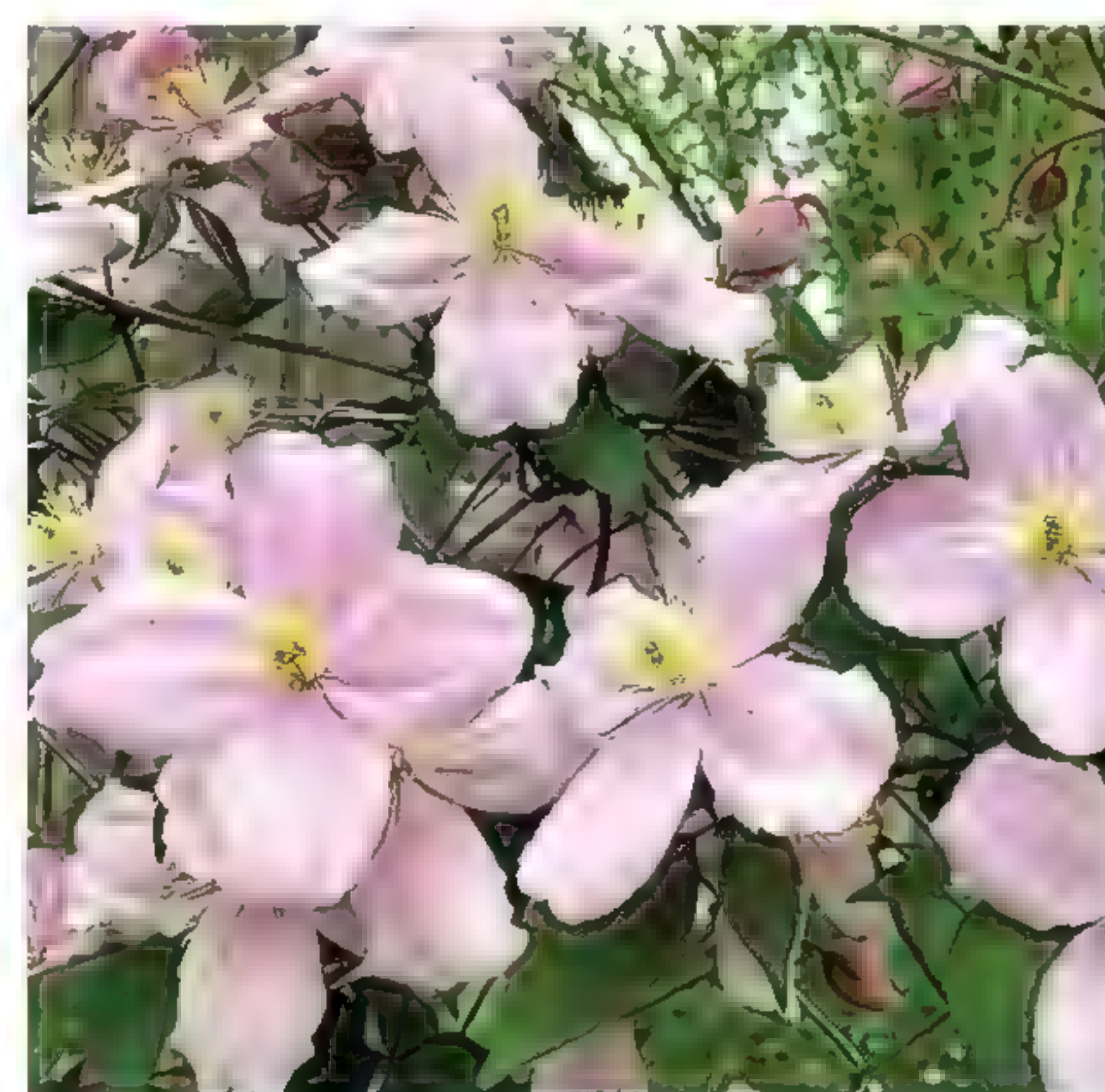
Camellia japonica 'Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II'

THIS showy plant is a glossy evergreen which bears beautiful, loose peony-type salmon/rose pink flowers for just two weeks in the spring. Raised in the US in 1953, the impressive blooms can grow to 12cm each. It likes light shade and works well in gardens with acidic soil but is also suitable for containers in town gardens with potting compost. Position in a site sheltered from cold, dry winds as buds and flowers may be damaged by cold winds and late frosts.



Dendrobium 'Queen Elizabeth II'

AN EVERGREEN, tropical orchid, this beauty was named after the Queen during her 1972 tour to Singapore, Malaysia and Brunei. The plant produces long, upright, cane-like stems with leathery green leaves, arranged alternately along the canes. Arching flowering stems of up to 40-50cm long appear from mature leafed or leafless stems and carry up to 20 impressive long-lasting, yellow flowers. As far as we know it is not sold in Britain but if you do find one, best keep it in a heated greenhouse or conservatory - although it can last quite a while as a house plant.



Clematis montana 'Elizabeth'

A VIGOROUS and most delightful hardy climber for tall walls or pergolas, this clematis also looks great growing up trees in reasonable sun. It likes any soil and produces masses of slightly scented, 6cm pink flowers with pale yellow stamens and bronze young trifoliate leaves, that turn mid-green with age. Flowers appear from late spring to early summer and occasionally later. Introduced from Jackman's Nursery in Woking, not far from RHS Garden Wisley in 1953, it is very popular and widely available.

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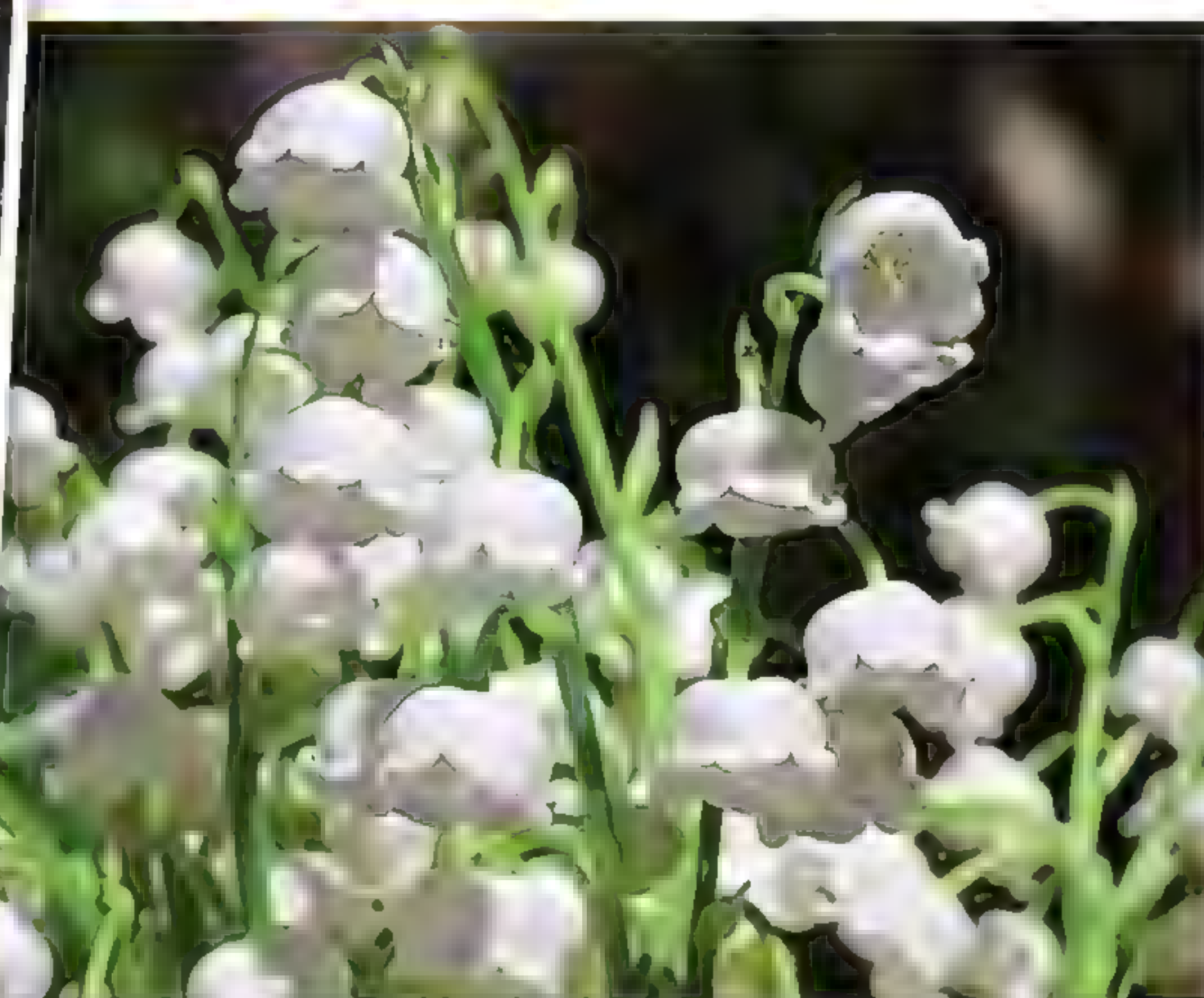
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Lily of the Valley (Convallaria majalis)

NOT named after the Queen (although she was known to her immediate family by the nickname of Lilibet) but Lily of the Valley is believed to have been one of her favourite flowers, and was included in her wedding bouquet. It is a delightfully scented, delicate bulbous plant grown in gardens for centuries, and it thrives in any soil, shade and in tricky places beneath trees. The erect racemes of nodding, bell-shaped, highly fragrant white flowers arise with the paired, elliptic leaves and are lovely cut for posies. Sold everywhere, it will grow in any reasonable soil.



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The homes where her heart was

THE SIX GRAND RESIDENCES THAT THE QUEEN CALLED HOME.
BY JADE WRIGHT

IN HER Christmas broadcast of 2017, the Queen summed up the feelings of so many when she talked about the importance of home. 'We think of our homes as places of warmth, familiarity, and love; of shared stories and memories, which is perhaps why, at this time of year, so many return to where they grew up. There is a timeless simplicity to the pull of home.'

It is difficult to imagine anyone who had a greater need for a private sanctuary.

Flowers can be laid at each palace during the mourning period. Please see signs at each property.

WINDSOR CASTLE

The largest occupied castle in the world is open to the public throughout the year, but only a privileged few get a glimpse of the Queen's private apartments. It was her sanctuary when during WWII she and her sister Margaret went there for safety, and had been her weekend home for decades. In recent years, she received the Obamas, Trumps and Bidens in a comfortable sitting room

known as the Oak Room, bedecked with family photographs and corgi figurines.

The castle boasts 1,000 rooms. In 1992, a fire ripped through the building, causing £36.5million worth of damage. It took 250 firefighters 15 hours to extinguish the devastating blaze.

The estate also includes Adelaide Cottage, home to the Prince and Princess of Wales and their three children, Prince George, Princess

Charlotte and Prince Louis, plus their dog Orla. There's also Frogmore Cottage, sometime home of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex and Princess Eugenie, who has lived there with husband Jack Brooksbank and son, August. The estate also contains Frogmore House, the Royal Mausoleum where Queen Victoria and Prince Albert are buried, and the Royal Lodge, which is home to Prince Andrew.



BALMORAL CASTLE

While many of the other palaces belong to the nation, Balmoral is a private estate owned by the Royal Family. The Queen spent many summers in what was believed to be her favourite home. Originally bought by Prince Albert, and loved by Queen Victoria, the baronial mansion sits on an enormous 50,000-acre estate in Royal Deeside, Aberdeenshire. It was described by Princess Eugenie as, 'The most beautiful place on earth. I think Granny is most happy there.'

The family spends August at the estate, which can stretch a bit – sometimes they arrive in July and stay until October. They make the most of the hunting, shooting

and fishing season, and the family often call in at the Braemar Gathering for the Highland Games.

Over the years, prime ministers and heads of state have been invited to join the big family parties. Many have fondly recalled the informal barbecues, where the Duke of Edinburgh cooked and the Queen drove the guests and served up the food.

When the Queen started to struggle with reduced mobility, palace officials put in a £20,000 wheelchair-friendly lift at Craigowan Lodge, the seven-bedroom stone house a mile from the main castle. It was also given a new security gate, intercom system and CCTV cameras.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

With 775 rooms, including 19 State Rooms, 52 Royal and guest bedrooms, 188 staff quarters, 92 offices, and 78 bathrooms, this state-owned head office has belonged to the monarch since 1837. But its history goes back to 1761, when George III bought Buckingham House for Queen Charlotte. In the years that followed, it took over from St James's Palace as the official royal residence after being reconfigured by John Nash, Edward Blore and Sir Aston Webb, with a fourth wing added to house Queen Victoria's nine children. It is currently partway through a £369million refurbishment project.

The palace has moved with the times – early in her reign the Queen replaced many formal court events with more inclusive garden parties, thanking those who had done good work in their communities. Each



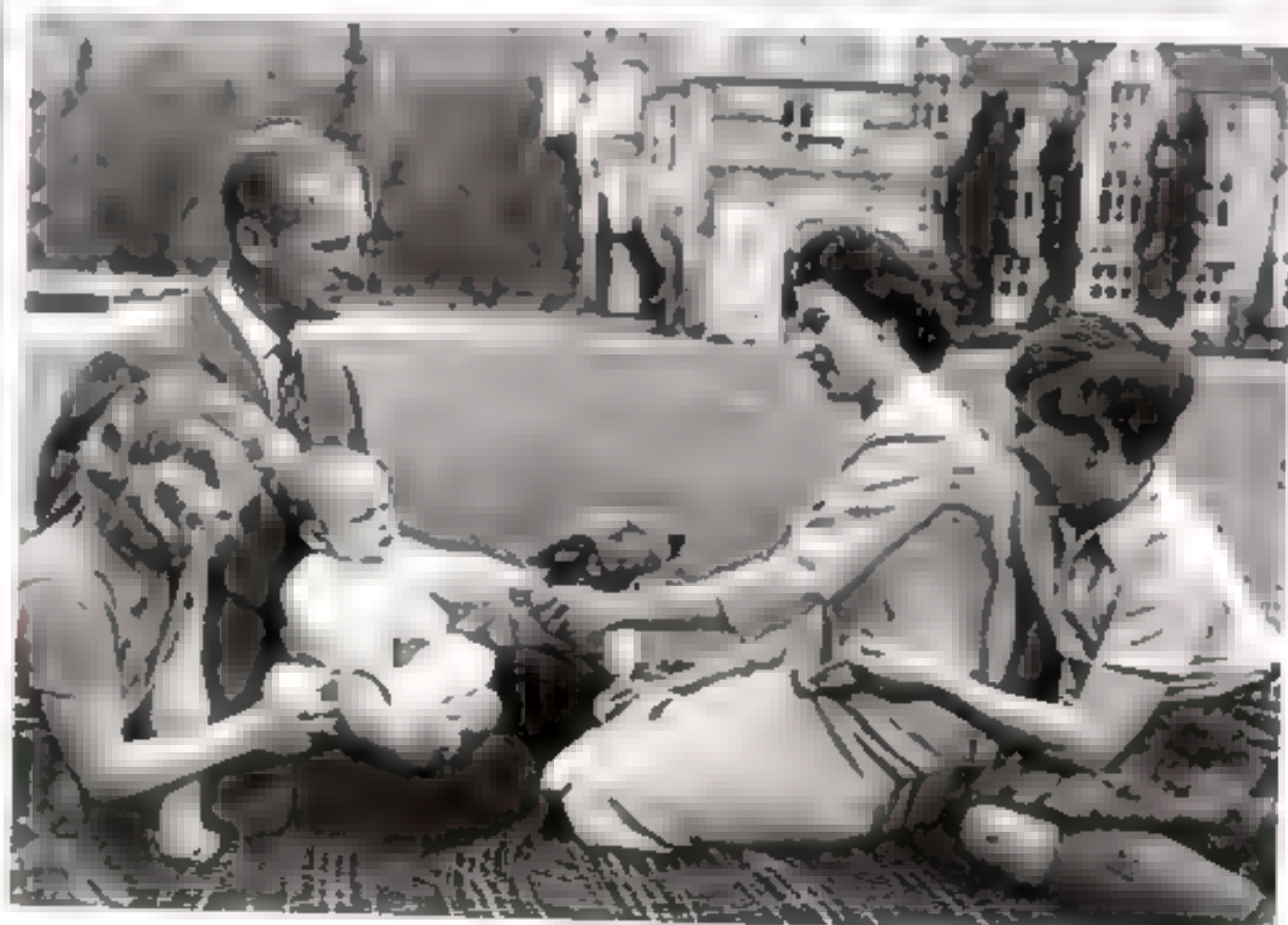
year around 50,000 invited guests were entertained at those parties, as well as receptions, audiences and banquets.

For those without an invitation, the State Rooms have been open to the public on certain dates

throughout the year since 1993. A place of work as well as a home, the palace is well-equipped for modern life – there's even a private post office and an ATM in the basement, dispensing money, but just for the Royal Family.



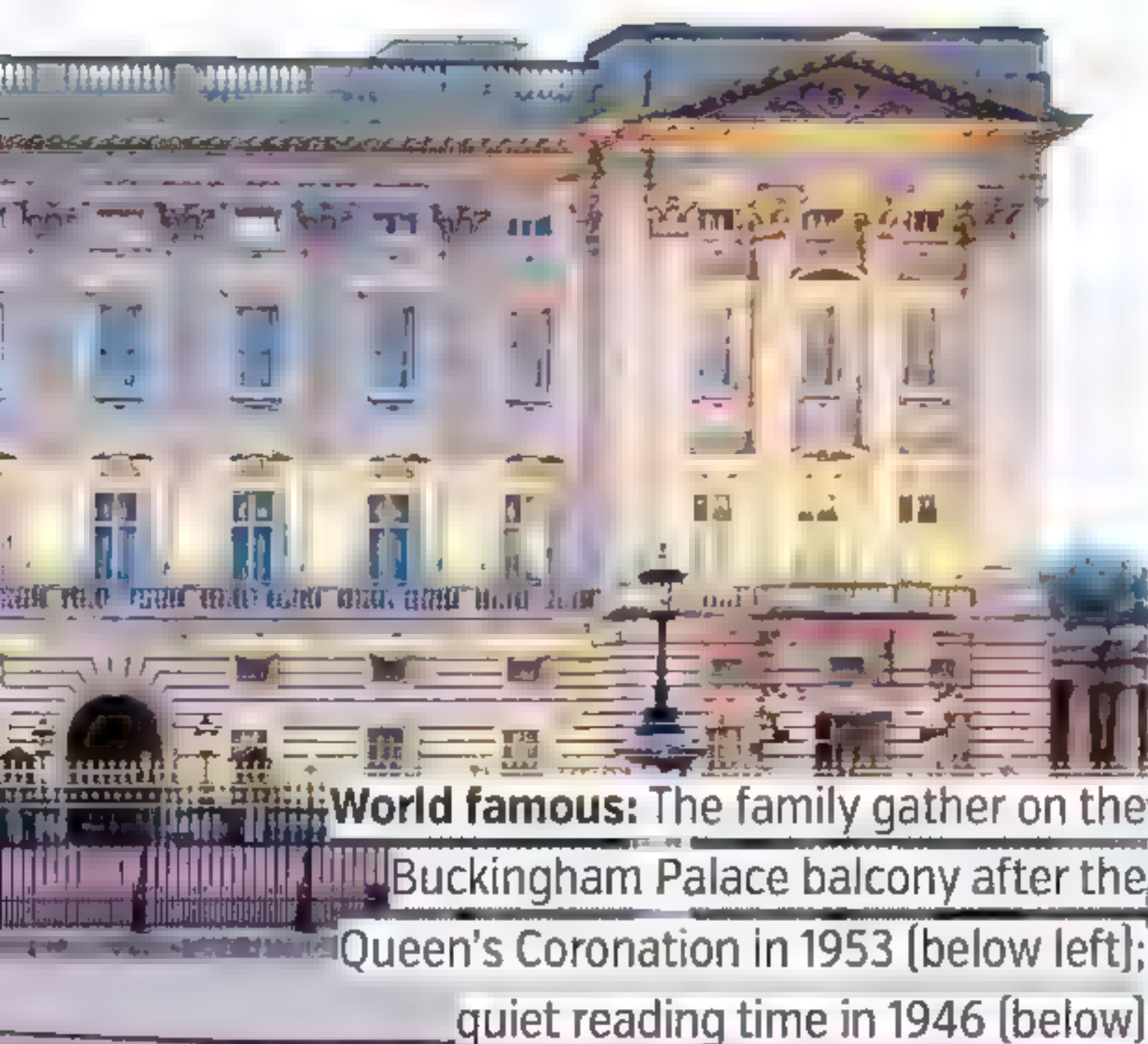
Family estate: Balmoral was said to be the Queen's favourite home



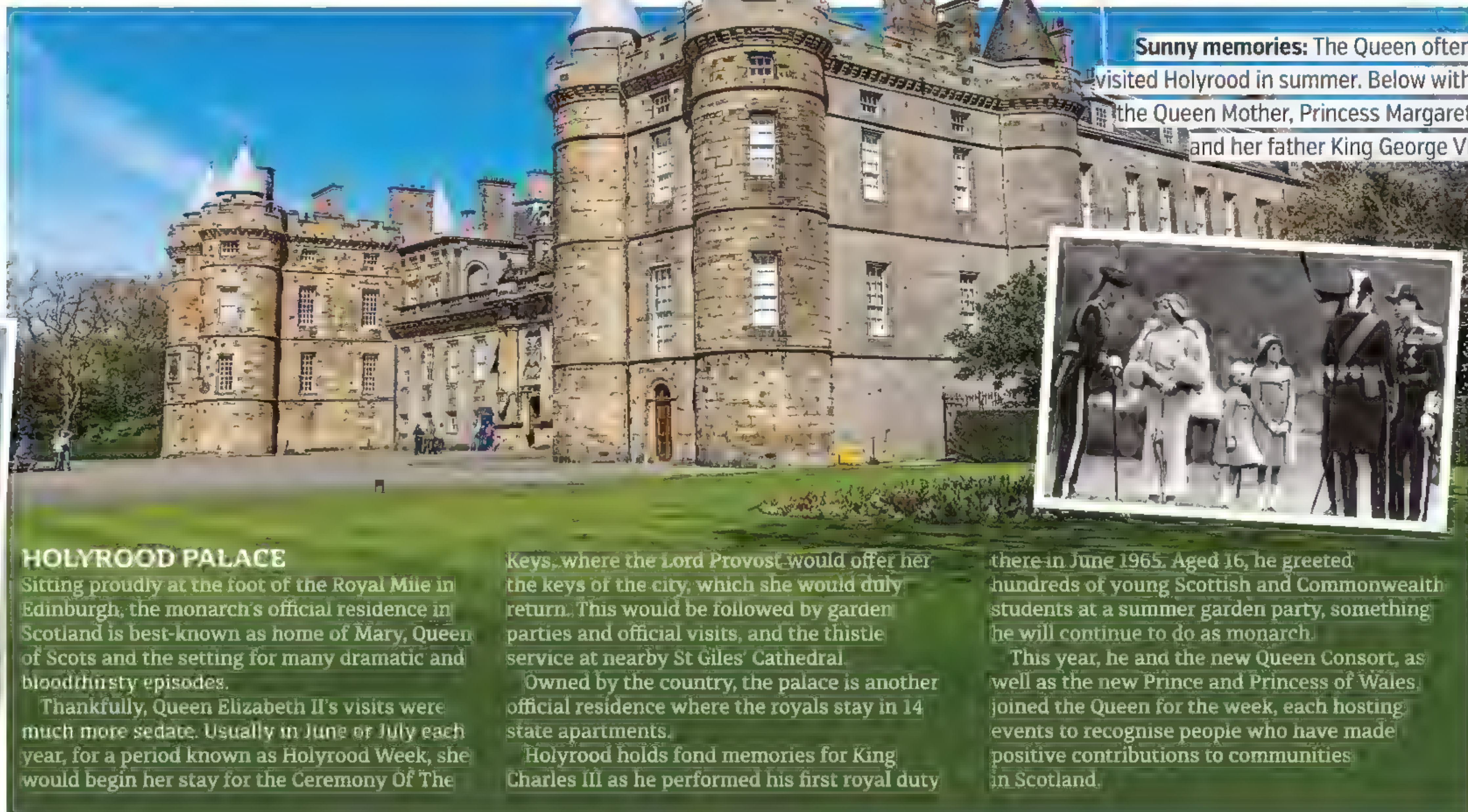
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Taking aim: At Windsor with Princes Charles and Edward in 1969 (above); reading in the garden with sister Margaret and the Queen Mother in July 1941 (left)



World famous: The family gather on the Buckingham Palace balcony after the Queen's Coronation in 1953 (below left); quiet reading time in 1946 (below)



Sunny memories: The Queen often visited Holyrood in summer. Below with the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret and her father King George VI

HOLYROOD PALACE

Sitting proudly at the foot of the Royal Mile in Edinburgh, the monarch's official residence in Scotland is best-known as home of Mary, Queen of Scots and the setting for many dramatic and bloody episodes.

Thankfully, Queen Elizabeth II's visits were much more sedate. Usually in June or July each year, for a period known as Holyrood Week, she would begin her stay for the Ceremony Of The

Keys, where the Lord Provost would offer her the keys of the city, which she would duly return. This would be followed by garden parties and official visits, and the thistle service at nearby St Giles' Cathedral.

Owned by the country, the palace is another official residence where the royals stay in 14 state apartments.

Holyrood holds fond memories for King Charles III as he performed his first royal duty

there in June 1965. Aged 16, he greeted hundreds of young Scottish and Commonwealth students at a summer garden party, something he will continue to do as monarch.

This year, he and the new Queen Consort, as well as the new Prince and Princess of Wales, joined the Queen for the week, each hosting events to recognise people who have made positive contributions to communities in Scotland.

HILLSBOROUGH CASTLE

The monarch's official Northern Ireland residence is just outside Belfast. The Georgian country house was built for the Marquess of Downshire in the 1770s.

It was bought by the British Government in 1922 after the partition of Ireland and was used as the office for the Governor of Northern Ireland until the post was abolished in 1972.

When the Queen was unable to visit due to coronavirus and then health issues, the King and Queen Consort and the Prince and Princess of Wales stayed regularly, attending garden parties and events in Northern Ireland. While not a castle in the traditional

sense, it is a spectacular country house, with impressive rooms such as the throne room, state drawing room, Lady Grey's study, state dining room, red room and stair hall, plus 100 acres of gardens.

The Queen stayed at Hillsborough in 1946 during her first official visit to Northern Ireland, and again in 1953 for a special coronation banquet.

Other notable visits include during the Troubles, in 1977, and when she held a landmark meeting with Irish president Mary McAleese in 2005.

When the royals are not visiting, the property is occupied by Northern Ireland's Secretary of State.



Spectacular: The Royal Family share Hillsborough Castle with Northern Ireland's Secretary of State



Winter home: Riding with her daughter Princess Anne at Sandringham in 1979 (below left); delivering her Christmas message in 1957 (right)

SANDRINGHAM ESTATE

The other estate privately owned by the Royal Family, Sandringham, is often used for Christmas breaks and entertaining. The house stands in a 20,000-acre estate in the Norfolk Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and is well-known for hosting the royals' annual walk to Christmas Day services at St Mary Magdalene church.

It was bought in 1862 as a country home for Edward VII, then Prince of Wales. His son George V described the grand estate as 'dear old Sandringham, the place I love better than anywhere else in the world.'

He died at the house in 1936, as did his son, George VI - Queen Elizabeth II's father - in 1952. While the gardens are open regularly, it remains



one of the more private palaces. The Queen opened it up to the public briefly in 1977, to celebrate her Silver Jubilee.

It is another favourite spot for country sports, so much so that keen hunter Edward VII ordered that the clocks be set half an hour earlier than



GMT to increase the amount of daylight. 'Sandringham time' was kept from 1901 to 1936, when the clocks were returned to GMT time by his grandson Edward VIII, during his brief reign.

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GLOW DOWN

Candle season is upon us, so mix and match these rainbow glass holders for a cosy, colour-packed glow that will ease you into the cooler months. Bubble candle holders, £14.95, Graham & Green, grahamandgreen.co.uk



SOFT SELL

Meet your cheat sheet hero to autumnal style on a budget: this rich velvet, terracotta and brown cushion with sculptured geo shapes. Pile 'em high. Velvet carved geo cushion, £16, Habitat, habitat.co.uk.

FAUX GOOD

Swap out your summer foliage for a wreath entwined with faux leaves and sprigs in an earthy palette. Wreaths, from £6, in store at Primark



WELL ROUNDED

Add dried stems or autumn greenery to this curvaceous, stoneware vase for a foolproof seasonal shift. A classic piece that won't break the bank. Ombersley Vase - Brick - Short, £25, Garden Trading, gardentrading.co.uk



The HOT List

WELCOMES IN AUTUMN WITH A PALETTE OF RUSSET, BRONZE AND GOLDEN OCHRE HUES
compiled by LARA SARGENT



WILD THING

Golden ochre and baby pink are the perfect transitional colour duo to see us from summer into autumn. Time to go wild for this playful leopard print wallpaper. Animal Instinct wallpaper in ochre and pink, £45, Lust Home, lusthome.com

GOING GREEN

Olive, moss and forest green are this season's interior darlings, so make a statement with this hand tufted, wool rug with an abstract design. We're green with envy... Zayyan geometric wool rug, £425, Made, made.com



GOLDEN WONDER

Kickstart the new season with a morning hit of fresh coffee from this brushed gold, French press. A luxe way to get your daily caffeine fix. Oui, oui! La Cafetière classic cafetière, £29, Amazon, amazon.co.uk

GLOBE TROTTER

We're good to glow for autumn thanks to this retro-style, brushed brass, ceiling light with four tortoise shell globes. You'll be beaming at the price tag, too. Hayle Tortoise Shell 4 Light ceiling light, £75, Habitat, habitat.co.uk



GOLDEN HOUR

Our capacity to splurge on new lighting hasn't faded so these battery-operated, glass table lamps - which can be moved from room to room - are our star autumn glow getters. Prepare to be dazzled. Cordless ribbed glass table lamps, from £29.95, Sparkle Lighting, sparklelighting.com



BROWNIE POINTS

Brown should be your new best friend this season, so be brave with this dark, purply brown paint for an indulgent and intimate mood. Part of interiors guru Laura Jackson's Parisian-inspired collection for zero waste, made to order from COAT Paints. Brasserie Brown, £46 per 2.5L tin of Flat Matt paint, COAT, coatpaints.com



RED ALERT

Clear the decks and say yes to a clutter-free, fresh start with this bold crimson locker. Fitted with an adjustable shelf, hooks and cable hole so you can use all over the house. The Lowdown in Poppy, £289, Mustard Made, uk.mustardmade.com

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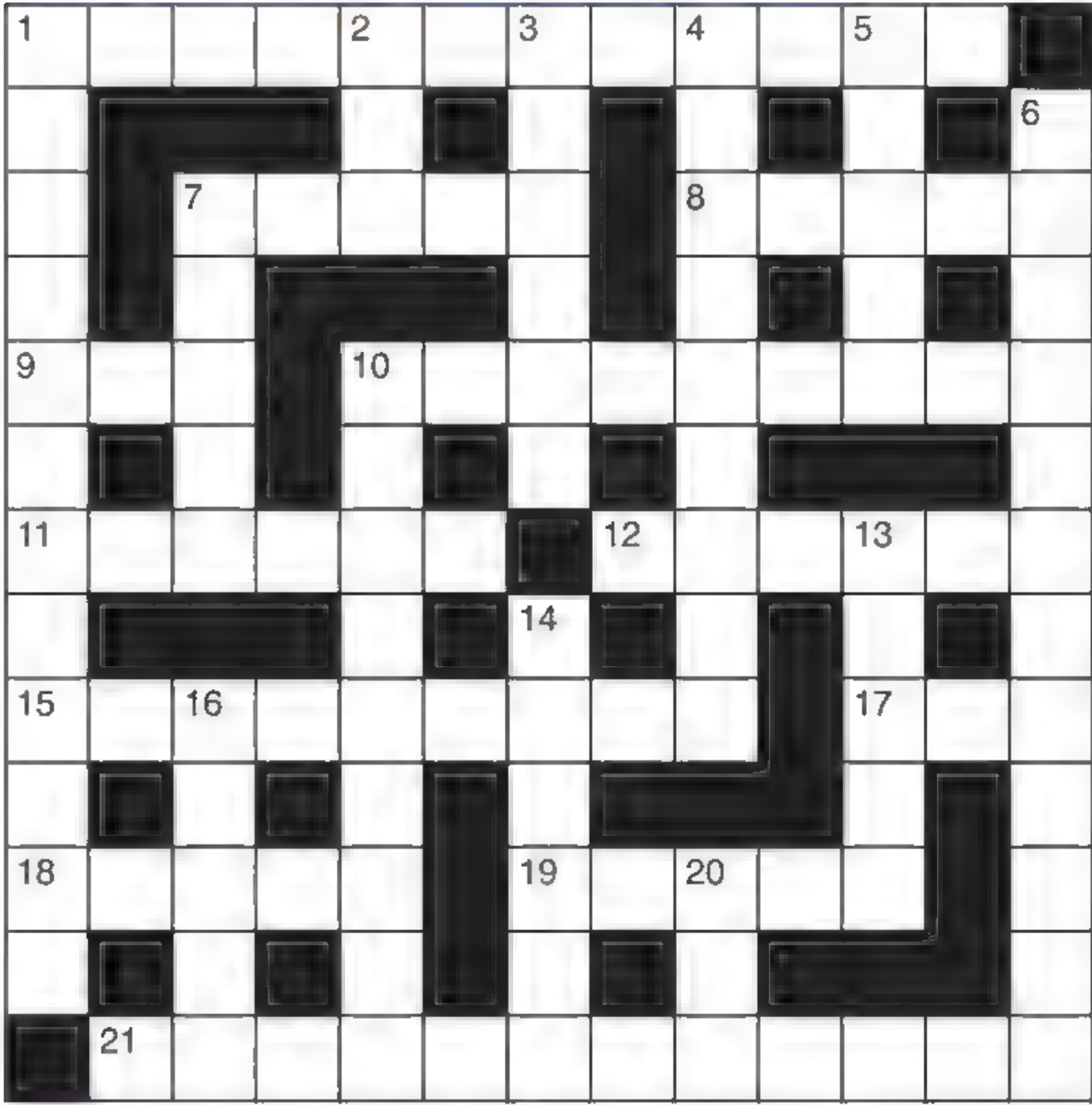
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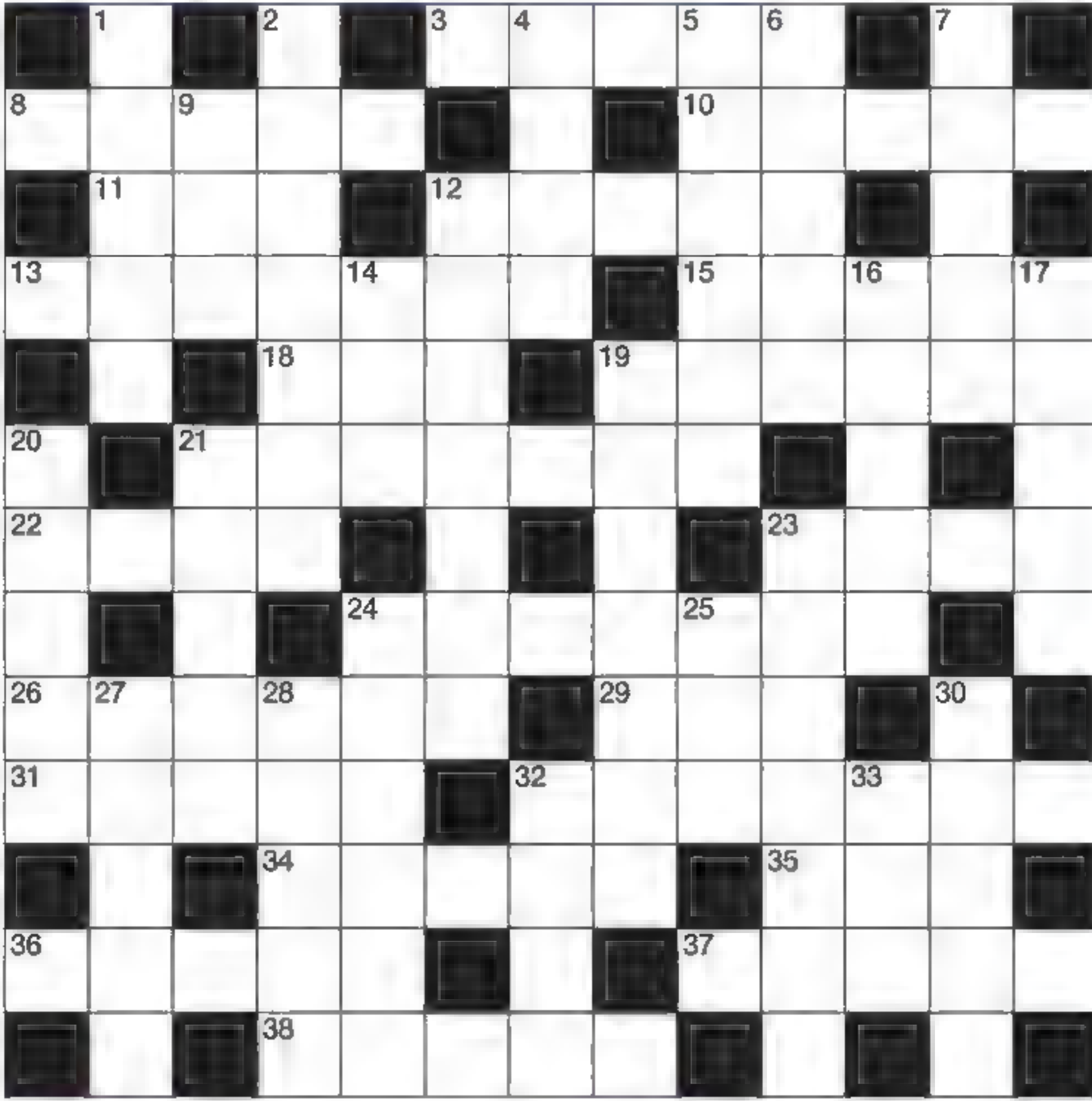


- ACROSS**

 - 1. He works at intervals [5-7]
 - 7. Fabric I mend somehow [5]
 - 8. Bird that is below par [5]
 - 9. The point of a dowry [3]
 - 10. Hurl down six balls before defeat [9]
 - 11. Capital way to supply chess men [6]
 - 12. A gunsmith adds it to his stock [6]
 - 15. A sound quality [9]
 - 17. Proceed to a port in India [3]
 - 18. Time to inspire poets, perhaps [5]
 - 19. Nothing to live on but fruit [5]
 - 21. Induced to become religious? [3,2,7]
- DOWN**

 - 1. Flawless defence, yet speedily broken [5,7]
 - 2. One is confused for a long time [3]
 - 3. Play for the village [6]
 - 4. It knows no customs [4,5]
 - 5. Composer of regal disposition [5]
 - 6. Don't interfere - with the water supply [3,4,5]
 - 7. Stony hearted girlfriends [5]
 - 10. Thoroughly extrovert [3,3,3]
 - 13. A solo trumpeter cast out by the herd [5]
 - 14. Place in a grave position [6]
 - 16. It may turn up as one of a suit [5]
 - 20. Fifty follows forty-nine? Well, no [3]

QUICK CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**

 - 3. Authoritative decision [3-2]
 - 8. Distinctive character [5]
 - 10. Backless shoes [5]
 - 11. Managed [3]
 - 12. Buffalo [5]
 - 13. Having restrictions [7]
 - 15. Group of eight [5]
 - 18. Pull with a rope [3]
 - 19. Hi-fi [6]
 - 21. Crowned head [7]
 - 22. Badly off [4]
 - 23. Nimble, dexterous [4]
 - 24. Slim [7]
 - 26. Counting frame [6]
 - 29. Racket [3]
 - 31. Fortune-telling card [5]
 - 32. Tea urn [7]
 - 34. Rustic [5]
 - 35. Number [3]
 - 36. Iraqi currency [5]
 - 37. Iron, for example [5]
 - 38. Minimum [5]
- DOWN**

 - 1. Undress [5]
 - 2. School prefect [7]
 - 4. Among [4]
 - 5. Silky to the touch [6]
 - 6. Snow leopard [5]
 - 7. Riotous brawl [5]
 - 9. Pigmeat [3]
 - 12. Laments [7]
 - 14. Unit of weight [3]
 - 16. One who perseveres [5]
 - 17. Sounds a horn [5]
 - 19. Disgraceful action [7]
 - 20. Small fish [5]
 - 21. Tooth [5]
 - 23. Indicates, designates [7]
 - 24. Surgical stitch [6]
 - 25. Faint [3]
 - 27. Herb [5]
 - 28. Colour [5]
 - 30. Artificial waterway [5]
 - 32. Droops [4]
 - 33. Animal doctor [3]

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

CRYPTIC
Across: 4 Annoyed; 8 Pencil; 9 Stained; 10 Eleven; 11 Breath; 12 Distaste; 18 Rheostat; 20 Duenna; 21 Dimple; 22 Leakage; 23 Invade; 24 Tonsure.
Down: 1 Spreads; 2 Inverse; 3 Cinema; 5 Nota bene; 6 Opines; 7 Erects; 13 Stranger; 14 Stopgap; 15 Steered; 16 Tuxedo; 17 Snakes; 19 Orient.

QUICK
Across: 3 Duvet; 9 Tender; 10 Yonder; 11 Wafer; 12 Spar; 15 Smells; 17 Hideous; 19 Tut; 20 Saint; 22 Scout; 24 Tribe; 25 Rotor; 27 Ply; 29 Tidings; 32 Loofah; 34 Noon; 35 Reels; 37 Agenda; 38 Tirade; 39 Sloop.
Down: 1 Stash; 2 Knead; 3 Dew; 4 Uranus; 5 Eyes; 6 Torment; 7 Adult; 8 Crust; 13 Piccolo; 14 Recur; 16 Lumbago; 18 Sabot; 21 Train; 23 Towards; 26 Rialto; 27 Pleat; 28 Yodel; 30 Nomad; 31 Sneer; 33 Heal; 36 Sip.

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DIFFICULTY RATING: **CHALLENGING**

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METROSCOPE by Patrick Arundell

Aries
Mar 21 - Apr 20
Ready to fight your corner? It can seem that the powers that be are no longer working in your interests and it's time to make your own rules. Even so, your feelings around this idea could quickly change. You'll appreciate the security you already have and might not feel so adventurous.

Taurus
Apr 21 - May 21
Are people behaving strangely and acting moody around you? It might be that you have unknowingly done something to annoy them. Perhaps your tone was a bit intense or pushy, even if you were only trying to help. Send a friendly text or call. Reach out.

Gemini
May 22 - Jun 21
Keen to adopt healthier eating habits on the home front? Cook nutritious meals and even extend this to treats that are good for you and taste wonderful too. The question is, how long will this last? If the appeal wears off you'll need to find another way to stay on track.

Cancer
Jun 22 - Jul 23
It seems you're not easily pleased. You might want the opposite of what you have because you need variety and stimulation rather than a routine. If this is the case, go for it. Reflect on how you can make your day so different that it leaves you feeling alive and buzzing. Start with exercise.

Leo
Jul 24 - Aug 23
Crunch those numbers and find out whether your dreams and desires are affordable. Where there's a will, there's a way. You just need to come up with a brilliant plan to make it happen. Don't rush into anything too fast. Make this a time to test out various ideas and do the preparation.

Virgo
Aug 24 - Sep 23
You might think you're being kind and thoughtful but others could take offence. Before you make a move to straighten someone's collar or point out the stain on their jacket, pause. Perhaps they really don't need to hear this when they have much bigger things in mind.

Libra
Sep 24 - Oct 23
Although you appear in control of your feelings, things are different on the inside, where you might be taking an issue very seriously. Admitting this to yourself can be a start. You don't have to share with another how you feel unless you want to but you must be honest with yourself.

Scorpio
Oct 24 - Nov 22
You might want to be open with someone and yet today's lunar ties might cause you to be defensive. Perhaps memories of a past hurt spring to mind and encourage you to clam up. There's no rush when it comes to getting closer to another. Bide your time.

Sagittarius
Nov 23 - Dec 21
You might be curious about someone who is well travelled and has a lot of life experience. Something about them could tap into your love of adventure and might be a call to leave your comfort zone and try something different. Getting to know them can inspire you even more.

Capricorn
Dec 22 - Jan 20
Good things happen when you expand your thinking and look to the bigger picture. You're eager to move beyond your limits and discover you're capable of more than you thought possible. You might be ready to take a risk with something that could fail. But even if it does, enjoy the challenge.

Aquarius
Jan 21 - Feb 19
The coming days can be perfect for getting to grips with your stuff. While this might refer to household clutter, it also includes emotional baggage and extraneous thoughts, all of which might be a drain on you. Decluttering on all levels could allow you to embrace an opportunity.

Pisces
Feb 20 - Mar 20
The key to making the most of the coming days lies in successful communication. There might be something you need to say that makes you nervous. You might find that going ahead leads to some useful discussions that not only heal but could make things even better between you and another.

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Fresh batch: Bake Off is back tonight

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TONIGHT'S TV CHOICE

Gorbachev: Heaven
BBC4, 9pm
Ignore that seriously odd title and focus instead on an in-depth profile of the late Mikhail Gorbachev, the president who offered a glimpse of what the world could be like if Russia came in from the Cold War

and formed working partnerships with the West.

The 74th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards
Sky Max, 10pm
LA's Microsoft Theatre - that name screams showbiz glamour, don't you think? - plays host to TV's top global awards show, where the mighty Succession is likely to clean up. Keep a flag handy for when Matthew Macfadyen wins for his

superlative turn as that show's turncoat Tom.

Celebrity Masterchef
BBC1, 9pm
Just five remain to contest finals week and the first challenge is a tea party. Who will win? Well, McFly have history when it comes to bagging celeb talent titles, so don't bet against Danny Jones lifting the Golden Saucepan - or whatever it is they hand out here. **KEITH WATSON**

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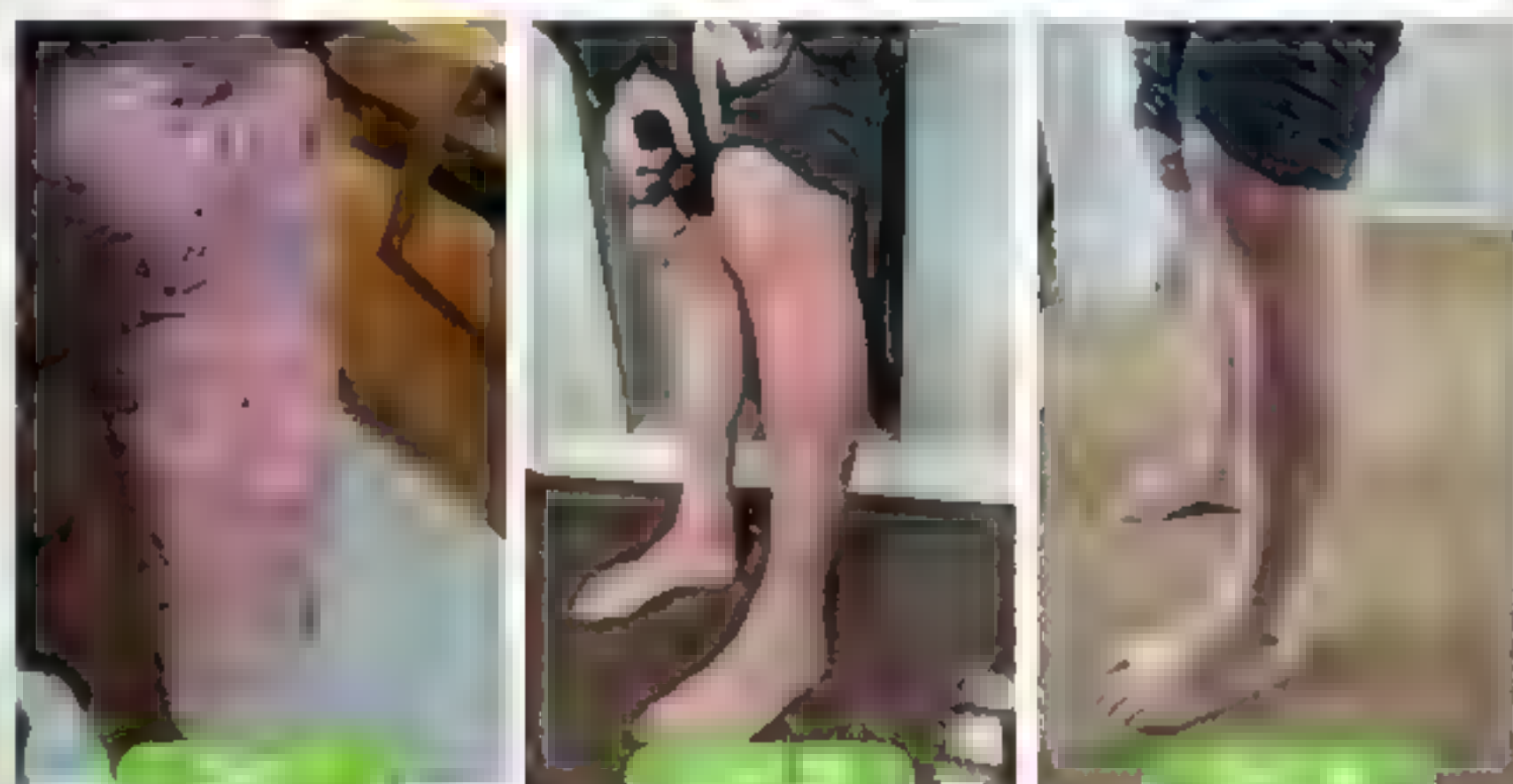
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SPORT IN BRIEF

Costa back in top flight as Wolves tempt striker

FOOTBALL

WOLVES have completed the signing of former Chelsea striker Diego Costa.

The Brazil-born Spain international has agreed a deal until the end of the season having been a free agent since January after leaving Atletico Mineiro in his homeland.

Costa will help ease the striker crisis at Wolves, with summer signing Sasa Kalajdzic suffering a tear to his ACL while Raul Jimenez is struggling for form and fitness.

The 33-year-old Costa said: 'It's a first-class club and the chance to play in the Premier League again was the main thing.'



145 Runs Emilio Gay scored for Northamptonshire against County Championship title-chasing Surrey, the hosts ending day one on 249 for four

200 First-class career wickets for Sam Cook who took three as Essex bowled Yorkshire out for 134 in Leeds

Trophies the target for Roses skipper Hunter

RUGBY UNION

ENGLAND

Women captain Sarah Hunter (right) is focusing on trophies rather than records ahead of the World Cup.

They will become the first Test team – women's or men's – to win 25 straight internationals if they beat Wales in tomorrow's final warm-up for the tournament.

'If we can go to New Zealand and get that trophy it will make all the records more special,' Hunter said.



THEY SAID IT Q

'My son's life cannot be put in danger. I've already lost one. It can't happen again.'

Chris Eubank, whose younger son Sebastian died last year, claims to have pulled Chris Jr out of the October 8 fight with Conor Benn due to the weight concerns

Smith has a Grand plan to make history at Hull

RUGBY LEAGUE

HULL'S new boss Tony Smith is aiming to become the first coach to win a Grand Final with two clubs.

The 55-year-old ex-England boss is a two-time Grand Final winner with Leeds and a three-time losing finalist with Warrington.

Smith said: 'I've won a couple of Grand Finals, only at one club. I missed out three times at another. I missed out on that opportunity.'

'Who knows how long it might take but I'd like to do that at some stage in my career.'

Andrew Castle



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THE VOICE OF TENNIS WRITES FOR METRO

The biggest threat to the old guard is finally here

DESTINY has come fast for Carlos Alcaraz, the Spanish 19-year-old who is the new world No.1, the youngest player ever to top the rankings, and the US Open champion.

At 19 years and four months he is more than one year younger than Lleyton Hewitt 20 years ago.

On Sunday night, Alcaraz and Norwegian 23-year-old Casper Ruud were playing for their first grand-slam title and the position of world No.1.

They put on a spectacular show that hinged around the end of the third set.

With the Spaniard serving at 5-6, Ruud's monumental forehand earned him two set points. On both of these Alcaraz chose the right tactic and displayed the technical expertise to survive. A delicate forehand volley played cross-court and short had a particularly high tariff of difficulty and demonstrated his physical strength as well as a delicate touch.

This is the deadly combination this generation of players will have to deal with, including Britain's Jack Draper, who will have been inspired by what he saw in New York.

Alcaraz swept through the third set tie-break and there was no hesitation as the winning line approached.

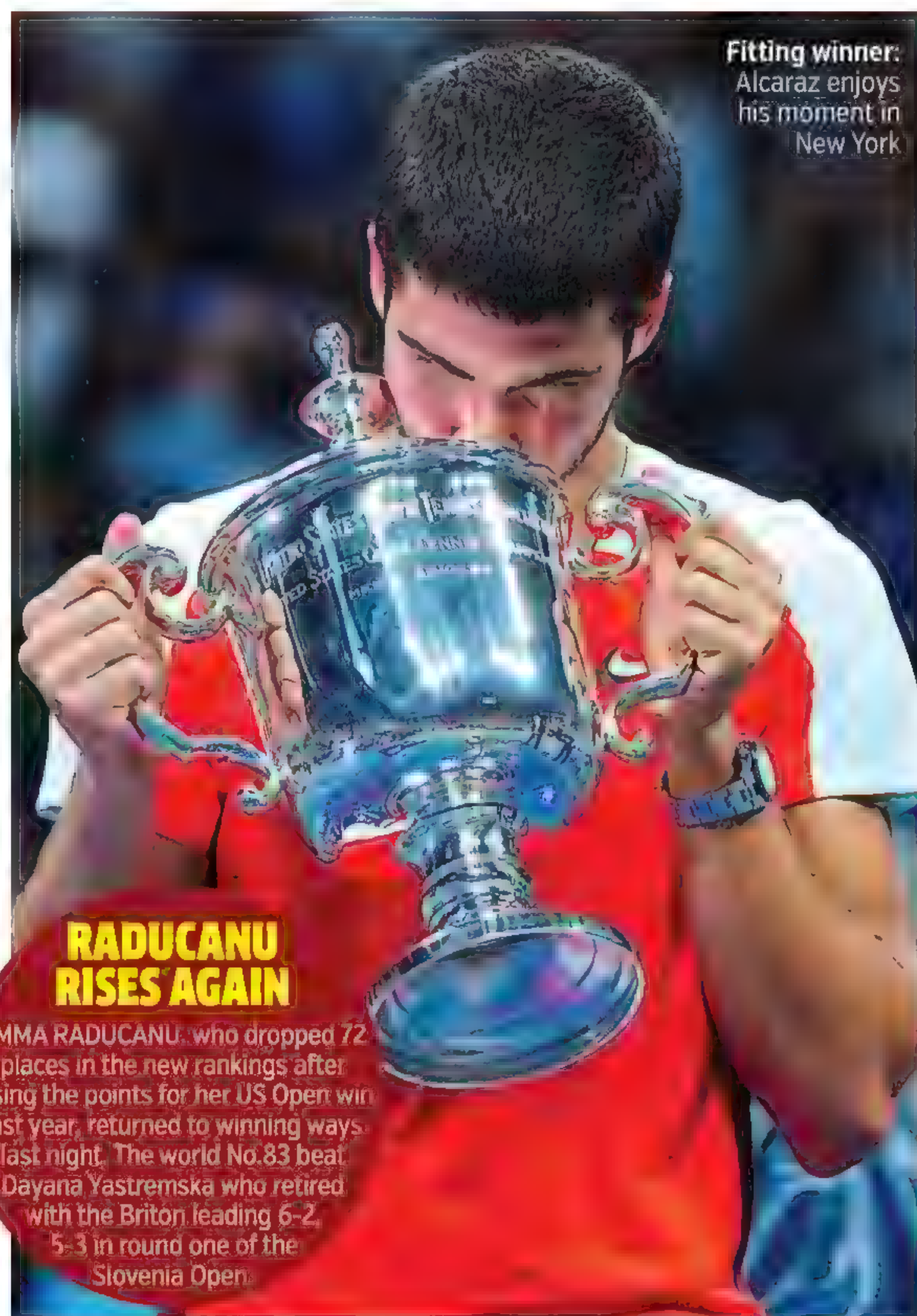
He graciously thanked his entire family, including his mum and grandfather who were watching back home in Murcia, and immediately said he was going to work hard straight away because he wanted more of this.

The signs are ominous for the magnificent generation of players who have amazed us for years led by Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic. Alcaraz is half their age but seemingly as strong and fast around the court. His racket head speed is second to none.

The match I want to see is Djokovic against Alcaraz and I bet there is big Middle-Eastern money that would want to put that on as an exhibition.

I would love to see it in Australia in January when the tennis world

■ **BRITAIN** proved once again at Flushing Meadows that this nation is a doubles powerhouse. Joe Salisbury and American partner Rajeev Ram beat another Brit, Neal Skupski, and Dutchman Wesley Koolhof to defend their US Open title. As a mark of respect to the Queen, their celebrations were muted. Salisbury is ranked No.1 in doubles, with Skupski at No.3, continuing a charge led by Jamie Murray. It is to these players' eternal credit they stand head and shoulders above other nations, and while I would never diminish their achievements there are some who would. Doubles is a specialist area and congratulations are in order to coach Louis Cayer. To be the best in the world at your chosen profession should never be disparaged. Rule Britannia, whatever form of tennis it is.



Fitting winner: Alcaraz enjoys his moment in New York

RADUCANU RISES AGAIN

EMMA RADUCANU, who dropped 72 places in the new rankings after losing the points for her US Open win last year, returned to winning ways last night. The world No.83 beat Dayana Yastremska who retired with the Briton leading 6-2, 5-3 in round one of the Slovenia Open.

PICTURE: JAVIER GARCIA/REX

NO ONE CAN TOUCH CLASSY SWIATEK EITHER ON OR OFF COURT

IGA SWIATEK, now a three-time grand slam champion, is by far the best player in the women's game now.

The power she generates from a short backswing makes her impossible to read. Imagine a Cristiano Ronaldo free-kick; it's about impact speed on to the ball and the purity of strike.

When Swiatek won the French Open in 2020 she only dropped 28 games in total and no sets across her seven matches. But in New York, she did not

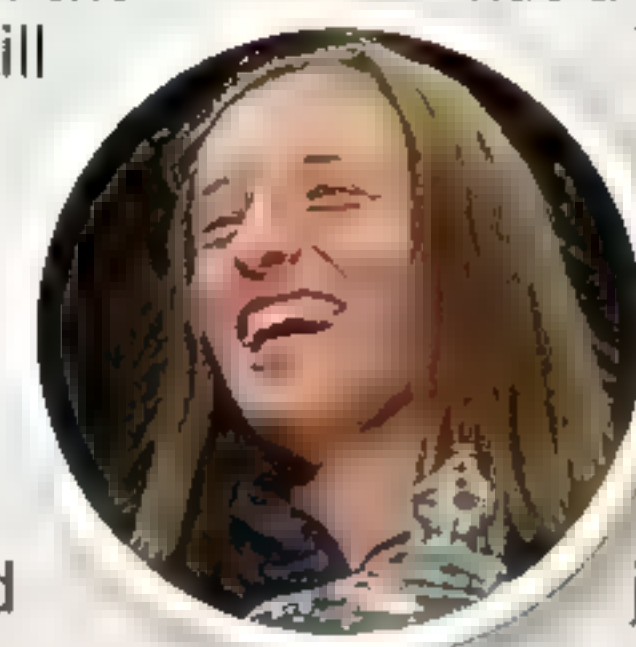
always play her best on her way to lifting the title. Ominously for the field, Swiatek (pictured) is still learning and has a productive relationship with coach Tomasz Wiktorowski.

Swiatek is not somebody that seeks the limelight. She prefers to keep her head under her peaked cap rather than go on late-night chatshows but I can tell you the Pole is funny and

thoughtful and nobody in the game has a bad word to say about her.

How refreshing to see somebody perform who seems to like the job she's doing rather than find it a great, taxing demand.

You are allowed to enjoy sport even when it's your job. Any casual glance at the news just now should make any person of sport realise that life is pretty good.



gathers again for the next grand slam. After the political and moral circus surrounding Djokovic's deportation from Melbourne at the start of the year, he will need special dispensation from the Australian government in order to play, although it sounds like that may be forthcoming.

Surely Federer can't be watching

Alcaraz and relishing the prospect of fending him off and Nadal, young Carlos' inspiration, must have doubts about how long his 36-year-old body can hold out.

This generation are unlikely to allow Andy Murray another grand-slam title and with Sascha Zverev injured and Dominic Thiem lacking in confidence,

perhaps the stage is set for Daniil Medvedev and Alcaraz to scrap it out on the biggest stages. And if Matteo Berrettini can stay injury-free, I can imagine him as a major champion.

But there is a sense the future is here and that Carlos the wizard is exactly what the game has been looking for. Over to you, Novak.

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11/2 Heung-min Son to bag his first goal of the season by scoring the opener when Tottenham take on Sporting Lisbon in Portugal (bet365)

■ PORTSMOUTH, Derby, Leyton Orient and Mansfield form tonight's Football League yankee.

AJAX'S PERFECT STARTERS CAN ADD TO LIVERPOOL WOES

RED flags are hardly unusual on the Kop, just not the type which will be raised if Jurgen Klopp's team turn in another poor Champions League display against Ajax at Anfield tonight.

Liverpool have made a stuttering start to the season with dropped points

against Fulham, Crystal Palace, Manchester United and Everton followed by an alarming 4-1 defeat in Napoli and they look a shadow of the side which powered its way to last season's European Cup final.

In contrast, Ajax have started their

campaign with six victories and 21 goals in the Eredivisie before enjoying a 4-0 romp against Rangers.

Ajax are 4/1 with Unibet to return to Holland with a draw, while Steven Bergwijn is 5/1 with bet365 to score his eighth goal of the fledgling season.

Potter sold on Blues vision



GRAHAM POTTER has claimed Chelsea's 'vision' convinced him to leave Brighton for Stamford Bridge as he prepares for his first game in charge.

The 47-year-old left a Seagulls side fourth in the Premier League table to join the Blues, who sacked Thomas Tuchel last week following three defeats in seven matches in all competitions this season.

Potter, who has signed a five-year deal, must stabilise a team who have struggled to integrate their summer signings so far and becomes the first managerial appointment of the Todd Boehly era.

Speaking for the first time after being appointed by Chelsea's new owners, he said: 'It's the start of a really exciting period, I think.'

'New ownership, who I was really, really excited with and impressed by, firstly as people and then their vision for the club and what they wanted to do.'

'Of course, the history of the club

by MATTHEW NASH

speaks for itself, but it's about trying to create that again in our own way.'

Potter's new side, sixth in the top flight, face Red Bull Salzburg in west London in his first match in charge tomorrow night in the Champions League, a fixture which is set to go ahead after initial concerns over policing following the death of the Queen on Thursday.

He promised Blues fans they will see attacking football and told his players he wants to 'build relationships' within the dressing room.

'You can create a team where the players enjoy playing, which can transmit to the supporters. Ultimately the most important connection

The history speaks for itself but it's about trying to create that again

tion at a club is between the team and supporters,' added the former Swansea and Ostersunds boss.

'We like to play in an attacking way, a balanced way, and players have to feel free to make decisions and express themselves.'

'It's about winning, creating a team which competes, is honest and works together. It's a combination between football and human values.'

'You have to understand they are human beings first, the key thing is to understand them, what motivates them and what they're like as people.'

'From that come to some common ground and build relationships, communicate on a daily basis, build respect, trust and honesty. My starting point must always be the person.'

While tomorrow's game is on, Chelsea's clash at home to Liverpool on Sunday is one of several Premier League matches postponed, with the Queen's state funeral set to take place in London the following day.

FIA's way off the pace with this safety first approach

FORMULA One's governing body, the FIA, has come in for some severe criticism following an Italian Grand Prix which ended behind the safety car.

There was confusion and frustration. Even the winners, Red Bull Racing, were unhappy.

The rulebook needs updating so that the race director – whoever that is – has a clear set of procedures and a timeline in the event of a hazard on the track, and the teams know what their instructions will be without even having to be told.

The FIA has form when it comes to controversial and unpredictable safety car decisions. It cost Lewis Hamilton the world title in Abu Dhabi last year when the race director at the time, Michael Masi, made the rules up on the fly in order to enact a dramatic finish.

That race should have finished behind the safety car but it didn't, gifting Max Verstappen the 2021 championship. The result was upheld but Masi would lose his job.

On Sunday, the safety car could have come in to allow two more laps of racing but the FIA kept it out despite Daniel Ricciardo's stricken McLaren having been long since removed by frantic marshals.

The Italian GP race director was Niels Wittich, who alternates throughout the season with Eduardo Freitas. This power-sharing has already led to inconsistencies and arguments, and the fastest sport in the world appears to be grindingly slow when it comes to admin. The grid confirmation after

F1 Debrief

NEWS FROM THE RED BULL RING PITLANE

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DUTCH MAY HAVE FOUND ANOTHER WINNER IN NYCK

WHILE the tifosi were booing Max Verstappen (or the FIA, according to Ferrari) for winning the Italian Grand Prix, his rookie countryman Nyck de Vries received cheers.

Drafted in to sub for Williams' Alex Albon, who was struck by appendicitis, the 27-year-old Dutchman qualified 13th, started eighth and finished ninth, earning points on his debut.

Albon hopes to be back for the next race in Singapore on September 30 if his recovery from appendix surgery goes to plan. He should be allowed home today having been in intensive care after his operation at the weekend.

He was on a ventilator after 'post-operative anaesthetic complications which led to respiratory failure' but was back on a general ward yesterday.

Saturday's qualifying took four hours to be published.

Perhaps a new rule needs to be introduced: That any incident that takes place in the final six laps of the race which might ordinarily

yield a full safety car instead gets the race red flagged.

Charles Leclerc started the race from pole, the pace of the Ferrari surprising even the Scuderia's most ardent supporters, but on race day it could not match Verstappen's superior straight-line speed which was just unstoppable with DRS.

With or without the safety car, the Dutchman was the rightful winner, though if there had been a final couple of laps racing there is a chance Leclerc could have muscled his way into the lead.

Ferrari were not wrong to try a different two-stop strategy to Monza's traditional one-stopper. It was unlikely to work out but they were right to try a different roll of the dice to Red Bull.

Ferrari principal Mattia Binotto thinks the safety car rules are fine as they are. 'The rules have been discussed, especially after Abu Dhabi last year. The FIA, F1 and the teams came to a conclusion that the current format is probably the right one to keep,' he said. 'I don't think it (Sunday's problem) is a matter of regulations. I am disappointed how long it took them to decide.'

'We are not understanding why it took so long to release the cars between the safety car and the leader. [The FIA] didn't do a good job today. And they need to do a better job in the future because that is not good for F1.'



Smiles better: Ben Stokes holds The Basil D'Oliveira Trophy at The Kia Oval

STOKES: POTENTIAL IS SCARY

CRICKET

BEN STOKES insists it is 'scary' to contemplate England's ceiling after a transformative summer as their Test captain revealed he already has his sights on the 2023 Ashes.

England needed 25 minutes to wrap up a 2-1 series win over South Africa, claiming a sixth Test win in a home summer for the first time since 2004.

Alongside head coach Brendon McCullum, Stokes has galvanised a side that had won just once in 17 Tests prior – despite fast bowlers Jofra Archer and Mark Wood being out with injury.

Stokes said: 'Who knows how far we can take this side over the next couple of years? You add Jofra and Woody into the mix being fully fit – it's scary to think where things could go, especially with the ball. And the batters we've got coming through, it's a very high ceiling.'

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Overnight: S Africa 118 (O E Robinson 5-49) and 169 England 158 (O J D Pope 67; M Jansen 5-35) and 97-0 (Z Crawley 57 no)

ENGLAND SECOND INNINGS (CONT.)

A Z Lees lbw b Rabada..... 39
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Fall: 1-108
Bowling: Rabada 11-1-57-1, Jansen 7.3-0-40-0, Nortje 4-0-27-0

England beat South Africa by 9 wkts

Stokes is relishing trying to win back the urn in Australia next year but is not overlooking December's two-Test tour of Pakistan.

He added: 'I am looking at it, it's hard not to, especially with how the last Ashes trip went.'

'But we have to concentrate on Pakistan first and foremost.'



Right call: Conte

Conte: I just had to make a trip to Palace



SPORTING v TOTTENHAM
5.45PM, BT SPORT 4

by JACK FOX

TOTTENHAM boss Antonio Conte has backed the decision to postpone last weekend's Premier League fixtures following the death of the Queen, revealing he was among the crowds who thronged Buckingham Palace to pay their respects.

Spurs return to action with a Champions League tie in Lisbon tonight but Conte believes it was right to pause the season after such a momentous event.

'What happened in the last few days in England is something extraordinary. On Thursday, we were all saddened, we are talking about a person whose service for this country was outstanding,' the Italian said last night.

'At the moment, there is a lot of sadness in the country and feeling this atmosphere in London. I went to Buckingham Palace on Friday like a normal person - because I am a normal person!

'I did it with a hat [on], to live this situation because I think we will remember this for the rest of our lives, and I wanted to give condolences from me, my players and the club to the royal family.

'Then, football has to go ahead but I think the Premier League made an important decision to show great respect for the Queen.'

Spurs will be without Lucas Moura tonight and Hueng-min Son could also be absent as Conte looks to shuffle his pack after their Group D campaign started with a home win over Marseille last week.

'When you try to build something important, try to be competitive and win, you have to change old habits, otherwise you stay in balance and you don't want to have ambition,' he added.

'For this reason all the players have to accept that rotation is part of this aspect. We have four players [in attack] and it's very difficult right now to drop one.'

NOTHING SEEMS TO FAZE THE RESILIENT UKRAINIAN CLUB CELTIC WILL FACE IN POLAND TOMORROW. BY MARK WALKER

WHEN Shakhtar Donetsk's players marched out on to the Ukraine Stadium pitch in Lviv two weeks ago for their league game against Rukh Vynnyk, they were carrying banners stating 'We are of one: Courage'. They would also have been prepared for a long shift - just last week a Ukrainian league game lasted more than four hours.

But extreme hardship, obstacles and seemingly insurmountable barriers are trademarks of Celtic's Champions League opponents tomorrow because Shakhtar Donetsk is the club that refuses to die.

The Ukrainian champions last week once again sent out a stunning message to the world of football that you write them off at your peril, with a quite incredible 4-1 thrashing of German Cup winners RB Leipzig at the Red Bull Arena. They were 16/1 to win with the bookies before the game.

Shakhtar long ago left their state-of-the-art, 50,000-capacity Donbass Arena - the venue for a Euro 2012 semi-final - which now lies derelict after it was damaged by artillery during Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014.

They moved their headquarters to Kyiv and played their matches in Lviv for two years and then in Kharkiv for another three years. From May 2020, they had played at the Olympic Stadium in the capital until Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February.

Domestic football recently resumed but while Shakhtar are playing their league games in their homeland, Champions League matches have been moved to Poland, and Celtic will face them at Legia Warsaw's stadium.

Shakhtar boast a proud history. They are the only team from an independent Ukraine ever to win a European trophy when they defeated Werder Bremen in the 2009 Uefa Cup final and they have won the Ukrainian title 13 times in the past 20 years, including the last one completed two years ago.

The club became known as a tried and trusted stopping-off point and market for young, talented Brazilians who wanted a stage to move to western Europe and one of the top five leagues.

As well as Fernandinho, Willian and Alex Teixeira, the club was once the home of Douglas Costa, Luiz Ardiano, Fred, Jadson and many more besides.

Their all-star side was funded by Ukraine's richest man and club owner, billionaire businessman Rinat Akhmetov.

Right up until football stopped last December for the winter break, Shakhtar was crammed full of talent from the South American footballing super-

powers. However, since then, Shakhtar have had to sell, release or loan eight Brazilians, including David Neres who went to Benfica for £13million, Dodo, who went to Fiorentina for the same price and Marcos Antonio, who was snapped up by Lazio for £6.75m.

Their squad that remains is now almost entirely made up of Ukrainian players.

But Celtic will not make the mistake that the bookies and RB Leipzig did of writing Shakhtar off. They still have seven players in the Ukrainian squad including four - Mykola Matviyenko, Taras Stepanenko, Oleksandr Zubkov and Mykhaylo Mudryk - who played in the win over Scotland in a World Cup play-off at Hampden in June.

Managed by Croatian coach Igor Jovicevic, who was poached from rivals Dnipro in June, they still have the core of a fine team and are led by defensive lynchpin Matviyenko, who has 51 caps for his country and has been at the club for seven years. Up front, Burkino Faso striker Lassina Traore, one of their few remaining foreigners, is a fast, exciting 21-year-old talent.

And, of course, their hero this week was Marian Shved, who scored twice in the win over Leipzig. The 25-year-old seemed to be homesick from the day he left Karpaty Lviv to sign for Celtic three years ago and only very briefly showed glimpses of his undoubted talent in Glasgow and then in Belgium with Mechelen before he returned to Ukraine last week and made that incredible, instant impact in Germany.

Stepanenko, the club captain, acknowledged that it's a huge ask for them this season. The 33-year-old said: 'Of course, it's a new team. But we feel confident because we play for our country and for our people.'

'I think the teams, the players will be proud of the league restarting. We are ready, we are strong and I think we will show to all the world Ukrainian life and our will to win.'

And if you are wondering why that game at the Ukraina Stadium lasted more than four hours, it was because the match kept getting halted due to air-raid sirens going off, forcing the players to sprint to underground shelters.

The Ukrainian Premier League stated after the game: 'Safe and security measures are the main priority for us, so both teams had to go to the shelter every time, according to the available safety protocols.'

'The overall time of the match was indeed four-and-a-half hours.'

Stepanenko acknowledged: 'These are the rules and it's a small price to pay.'

Celtic be warned - after their recent history, not much will rattle the indomitable Shakhtar.



GAME ON UPROOTED SHAKHTAR



To the point: Klopp is looking for a response from his side against Ajax

Crunch talks after Klopp's horror show

JURGEN KLOPP reminded his Liverpool players of their responsibilities in a series of brutally honest meetings following their Napoli 'horror show', but the Reds manager says the club's fans need no such lessons when it comes to paying their respects to the Queen tonight.

Liverpool supporters were criticised for booing the national anthem before last season's FA Cup final.

But Klopp dismissed concerns fans at Anfield would fail to show their respects as the Reds take the field for the first time since the death of the Queen when they face Ajax tonight.

The club have asked Uefa to be able to mark the occasion before their Champions League tie and Klopp said: 'It's the right thing to do, but our people don't need any advice from me on showing respect.'

'There are plenty of examples where people showed the right respect - one which surprised me and I was really proud of was last season when we played Manchester United around a very sad situation with Cristiano Ronaldo's family [fans applauded in sympathy following the death of his newborn son].

'And that is what I expect. For me, it is clear that's what we have to do.'

Of greater concern to Klopp is the response of his players after a disastrous showing in their last match, the 4-1 humiliation at Napoli in their opening match in Group A.

With a free weekend following the death of the Queen, Klopp and his staff have had ample opportunity to lay it on the line to his squad and there has been no holding back.

'I watched the game back plenty of times and it was a real horror show. It was the worst game we

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played since I was here,' Klopp admitted.

'Eight out of 11 were below their level and the three others were not on a top level, just a normal game.'

'I have to do something, I can't sit there and wait for how we react. Is this the situation I wanted? No.'

'But now you are in it you find it interesting and challenging. We had a general meeting, showing these situations. It was not needed to say a lot but I did anyway.'

'Did I question the players?'

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We didn't hide anything, we didn't hold back. We just said it how it is

In this situation, yes. 'Why would you do that? Why would we do that?'

'There are four or five days now of absolute truth. We didn't hide anything, we didn't hold back anything.'

'We just said it how it is, but not to knock the players down or whatever, just to make sure where we are now is the starting point for us and we make sure we sort the problems together on the pitch.'

'We are not over the moon about our season so far.'

'In this game it looked like everyone wanted to sort the problem but by themselves and that didn't give us the structure to work together.'



Stokes says Queen was inspiration for victory

CRICKET

THE QUEEN gave England 'a huge amount of inspiration' for their series-clinching win over South Africa, with captain Ben Stokes saying the Oval Test was a unique occasion he will always remember.

Friday's play was called off as a mark of respect following the Queen's death on Thursday, meaning the series decider was essentially a three-day match after day one was washed out.

A commemoration took place before play on Saturday, with the sell-out crowd hushed as the players, wearing black armbands, made their way on to the field to a military guard of honour.

A minute's silence was then observed after which soprano Laura Wright performed the national anthems, with those in attendance joining in a stirring rendition of God Save the King and prolonged applause.

'I'll never forget walking down the steps out of the changing rooms to complete silence in the ground,' said Stokes. 'We're used to walking down with cheering but the silence was deafening.'

'To sing the anthem with the little change was special again. I will never forget that day.'

There was some doubt on Friday about whether the match would proceed but Stokes (above) said at the time he would be 'honoured' to play in memory of the Queen.

'We take a huge amount of inspiration from what she did in her reign,' he said.

'But we walk out there and we represent this country, and we do it with a lot of pride and honour as well.'

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PLAY ON! GREEN LIGHT FOR FOOTBALL

SCOTTISH GAMES RESUME BUT ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE IS HIT BY CALL-OFFS

by FRASER RORISON

SCOTTISH professional football has been given the green light to 'resume as normal' following a temporary pause in the wake of the Queen's death last Thursday.

All fixtures above grassroots level were postponed last weekend but the Scottish FA has confirmed that matches north of the border can now go ahead subject to police availability.

However, two weekend games in England - Chelsea's home clash with Liverpool and Leeds' trip to Manchester United - were yesterday postponed due to policing shortages, and Arsenal's Europa League match against PSV Eindhoven, set for Thursday, is also off.

Home clubs have been encouraged to hold a period of silence or play the national anthem ahead of kick-off.

A statement from the SFA read: 'Fixtures will go ahead, subject to Police Scotland

planned rail strikes. Regarding the decision to call off Chelsea v Liverpool and Manchester United v Leeds, an FA statement read: 'Following extensive consultation with clubs, police, local safety advisory groups and other relevant authorities, there was no other option but to postpone the three fixtures.'

With police resources in London stretched in the build-up to the Queen's funeral on Monday, Arsenal's game with PSV was called off.

Chelsea's home Champions League match against Red Bull Salzburg tomorrow will go ahead as planned, while the midweek EFL programme is unaffected.

Meanwhile, three Premiership fixtures have been given evening kick-off times as part of a trial aimed at increasing

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resourcing. We thank clubs and league organisations for the mark of respect shown at the weekend.'

The next professional match in Scotland is tonight when Dundee and Kilmarnock meet in a Reserve League match, while there are three Scottish Women's Premier League games tomorrow.

Rangers face Napoli on the same night in a Champions League clash which was moved back 24 hours from its initial Tuesday slot due to limitations on police availability due to events surrounding the Queen's death.

It has also been confirmed that the opening round of United Rugby Championship fixtures can take place this weekend, with Glasgow and Edinburgh in action.

Seven Premier League matches will take place over the weekend, with Brighton v Crystal Palace remaining off due to

attendances. Hibernian's home match against St Johnstone has been brought forward from 3pm on Saturday, October 22 to 7.30pm on Friday, October 21.

Aberdeen's next two meetings with Dundee United, at Tannadice on Saturday, October 8 and Pittodrie on Saturday, November 12, have been put back from 3pm to 6pm on the same dates.

Hibs, who will cut prices for the Saints match to £10 for adults and £5 for concessions, said: 'After talks, we requested to move the fixture to trial a new initiative by bringing back Friday night football. We are trying something different.'

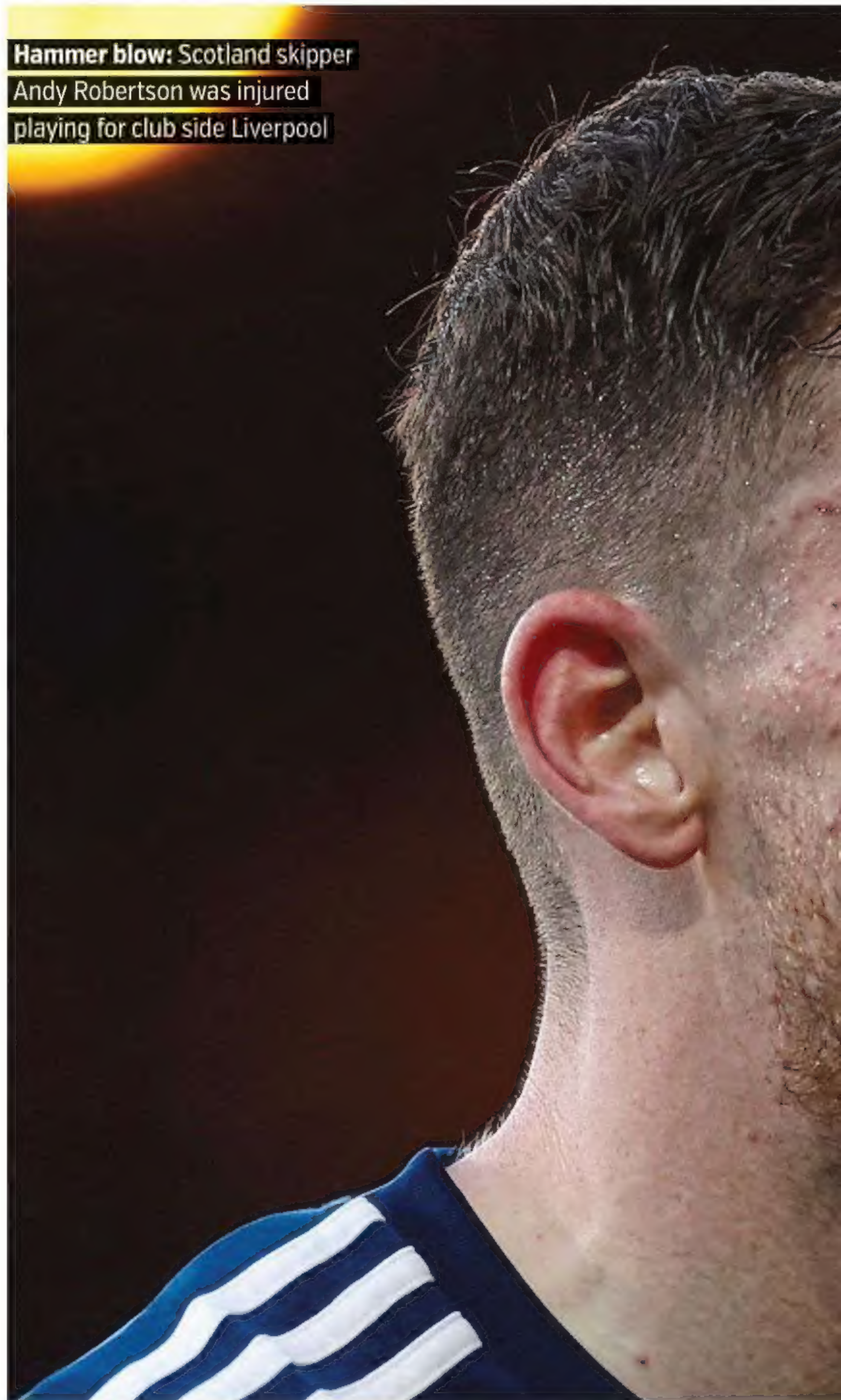
Aberdeen commercial director Rob Wicks said: 'We have stated previously we'd like to trial new kick-off times to help boost attendances.'

'We are excited to try this kick-off time for a home match.'

Hammer blow: Scotland skipper

Andy Robertson was injured

playing for club side Liverpool



Andy looks forward to tribute

TENNIS

ANDY MURRAY is hoping Great Britain's Davis Cup fixtures in Scotland can provide a fine platform to mark the death of the Queen.

Great Britain face the United States, Kazakhstan and Netherlands in Group D, with their matches taking place at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow, starting from today.

Murray, who was knighted in 2017, wants the occasion to reflect how integral the Queen was to the nation.

'It has obviously been a very sad week with the news about the Queen passing away,' he told Sky Sports.

'But I think here will be a chance for everyone to show how much she meant to everyone and I'm sure there will be songs sang and minute's silence observed. She obviously had an amazing life and I

think here, these few days when Great Britain are competing, will be a chance for everyone to celebrate her and everything she did.

'I was very fortunate to get the opportunity to play in front of her and compete at Wimbledon when she came along which was a really nice memory for me.'

Murray joins Cameron Norrie, Dan Evans and Joe Salisbury in the British team, having last featured in the tournament in 2019. The tournament runs from today until Sunday. There will be a minute's silence before each day's play.



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Back in the team: Great Britain's Andy Murray practices yesterday ahead of today's Davis Cup opening

FIXTURES

(7.45pm unless stated)

Champions League Group A

Liverpool v Ajax...[8pm] TV

BT Sport 2

Group B

B Leverkusen v At Madrid...

[8pm]

Porto v Bruges...[8pm]

Group C

Bayern v Barcelona...[8pm]

Pisa v Inter Milan...[5.45pm]

Group D

Marseille v Frankfurt...[8pm]

Spartan v Spurs...[5.45pm]

TV BT Sport 4

Sky Bet Championship

Blackburn v Watford...

Huddersfield v Wigan...

Hull v Stoke...

Middlesbrough v Cardiff

Preston v Burnley...[8pm] TV

Sky Sports Main Event

Swansea v Sheff Utd...

*All other Championship

games on Sky Red Button

Sky Bet League One

Barnsley v Port Vale...

Burton v Portsmouth...

Charlton v Forest Green...

Cheltenham v Cambridge...

Ipswich v Bristol Rovers...

Lincoln v Derby...

MK Dons v Bolton...

Morecambe v Sheff Wed...

Peterborough v Fleetwood...

Plymouth v Oxford Utd...

Shrewsbury v Exeter...

Wycombe v Accrington...

Sky Bet League Two

AFC Wimbledon v

Northampton...

Barrow v Doncaster...

Crawley v Stockport...

Grimsby v Gillingham...

Harrogate v Salford...

Hartlepool v Crewe...

Mansfield v Carlisle...

Rochdale v Leyton Orient...

Stevenage v Newport...

Swindon v Sutton Utd...

Tranmere v Bradford...

Walsall v Colchester...

REEN LIGHT L'S RETURN

ROBERTSON RULED OUT FOR SCOTLAND



SCOTLAND captain Andy Robertson is certain to miss this month's Nations League triple-header, according to Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp.

Scots boss Steve Clarke will name his squad this morning for the home clashes with Ukraine and Ireland and a trip to Poland to face Ukraine.

However, left-back Robertson is unlikely to be involved after Klopp revealed he expects the 28-year-old to be out until after the international break as a result of a knee issue that flared up at the end of last week's Champions League defeat at Napoli.

Klopp said: 'Robbo now is not 100 per cent. He felt something very late, 93rd or whatever minute. He felt it the next day only. But yeah, he is out for at least, I would say, after the international break.'

The news his captain is struggling will come as a blow to Clarke ahead of fixtures against sides who have already defeated Scotland this year.

Ukraine won 3-1 at Hampden in a World Cup play-off at the start of June and Ireland crushed the Scots 3-0 in Dublin in the Nations League ten days later.

Clarke already had a defensive headache with Rangers centre-back John Souttar and Leeds captain Liam Cooper struggling for match fitness.

In addition, Sunderland striker Ross Stewart sustained a thigh injury in the warm-up prior to last week's 1-0 Championship loss at Middlesbrough and is unavailable.

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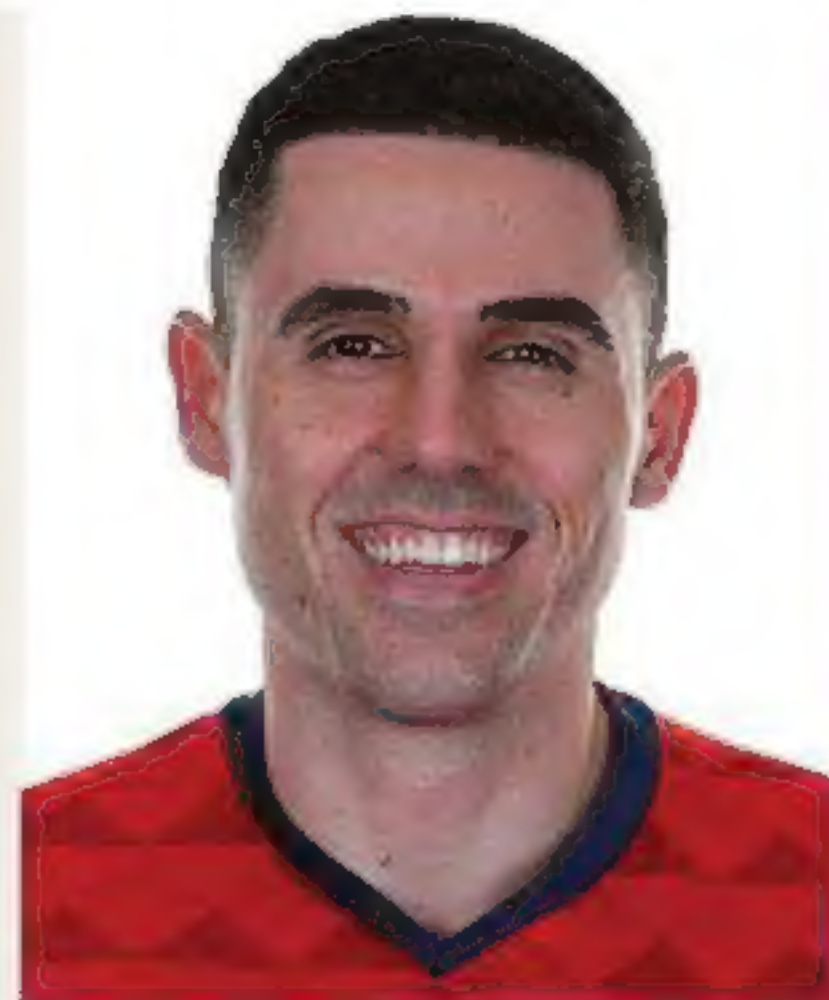
ROGIC READY FOR BAGGIES CHALLENGE

TOM ROGIC is 'refreshed, re-energised and excited about the future' after joining West Brom on a one-year deal.

The Australia international (right) left Celtic at the end of last season for a 'fresh challenge', with the Baggies holding the option of a further 12 months if the midfielder, 29,

impresses. Rogic said: 'I was looking for a fresh challenge. I'm looking forward to getting started at Albion.'

Boss Steve Bruce said: 'Tom is a top-class player who has played nearly 300 games for Celtic. He has proven to be a quality player, a serial winner and a top professional.'



Read all about it:
Tom Boyd promotes
Wim Jansen's book
Mastermind



Boyd: Let's enjoy Ange while he is still with Hoops

TOM BOYD has told Celtic fans they will have to get used to speculation surrounding Ange Postecoglou.

The Hoops boss (below) has been linked with the Brighton vacancy after a hugely impressive 14 months in charge at Parkhead.

While it seems unlikely at this stage that the 57-year-old is of any mind to walk out on Champions League participants Celtic, former captain and current club ambassador Boyd is braced for the likelihood that Postecoglou will be the subject of advances from elsewhere.

'We do not want any clubs coming in for Ange,' he said. 'But it will happen, especially if the team continues playing the way it has been.'

'It's difficult to surmise how content Ange is. All you can say is he looks very happy, but somebody [Brendan Rodgers] said that before when they were here and they didn't turn out to be! With Ange, interest from elsewhere will come.'

'If he's successful and if the price is right, that time will come. But hopefully he's here for a few years yet.'

'What the manager has done for Celtic will not go unnoticed but we'll be delighted for every day he is here.'

Postecoglou's side, who won the title last term, are already five points

clear of Rangers at the top of the Premiership. Last week they earned further plaudits for a valiant Champions League performance against Real Madrid at Parkhead before going down 3-0.

'It's been outstanding this season, so much so that you're going toe to toe with the European champions,' said Boyd. 'We can consider ourselves a little bit unfortunate.'

'Class told in the end but on another day we could have won.'

'For instance, if you look back to the Barcelona game [when Celtic won 2-1 in 2012] we actually played better against Real in an attacking sense than we did that night - but we took our chances against Barca.'

Celtic play their second Champions League group match against Shakhtar Donetsk in Warsaw tomorrow and Boyd hopes they can get their first points on the board against the Ukrainians.

'It's massive game as we need to start picking up points if we want to get through to the next round,' he said. 'Shakhtar will be buoyed by their 4-1 win against Leipzig so it's going to be another big challenge.'

'Hopefully this time we get that wee bit of luck in front of goal.'

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THE KING'S VIGIL



Head slightly bowed, King Charles keeps vigil in front of the Queen's coffin in St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, last night, joined by his siblings the Princess Royal, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward PICTURE: JANE BARLOW/PA